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THE HEDGEHOG



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After ten long years, the iron-fisted rule of DOCTOR ROBOTNIK over planet MOBIUS was believed to have finally ended! With the technological tyrant vanquished and his polluted factories shut down, order and beauty were restored to the city of MOBOTROPOLIS. Now the villain has returned to wreak havoc once more, but there are many who are willing to stand against him in the fight for freedom. The bravest among them is a brash, blue streak who just happens to be the fastest thing alive! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

THE GREAT FOREST...

SEEMS LIKE I'VE HAD **NOTHING** BUT BAD LUCK THESE PAST FEW DAYS.

FIRST KING MAX GETS COLD-LOCKED UP-SIDE HIS HEAD BECAUSE I WAS **BUSY** RESCUING THE PRINCE...

... AND NOW I'VE LOST THE ROYAL **SWORD OF ACORNS** TO ROBOTNIK.

IT WAS THE **ONLY** HOPE I HAD OF FREEING **UNCLE CHUCK** AND THE REST O' THE **ROBIANS** FROM HIS CONTROL, TOO.

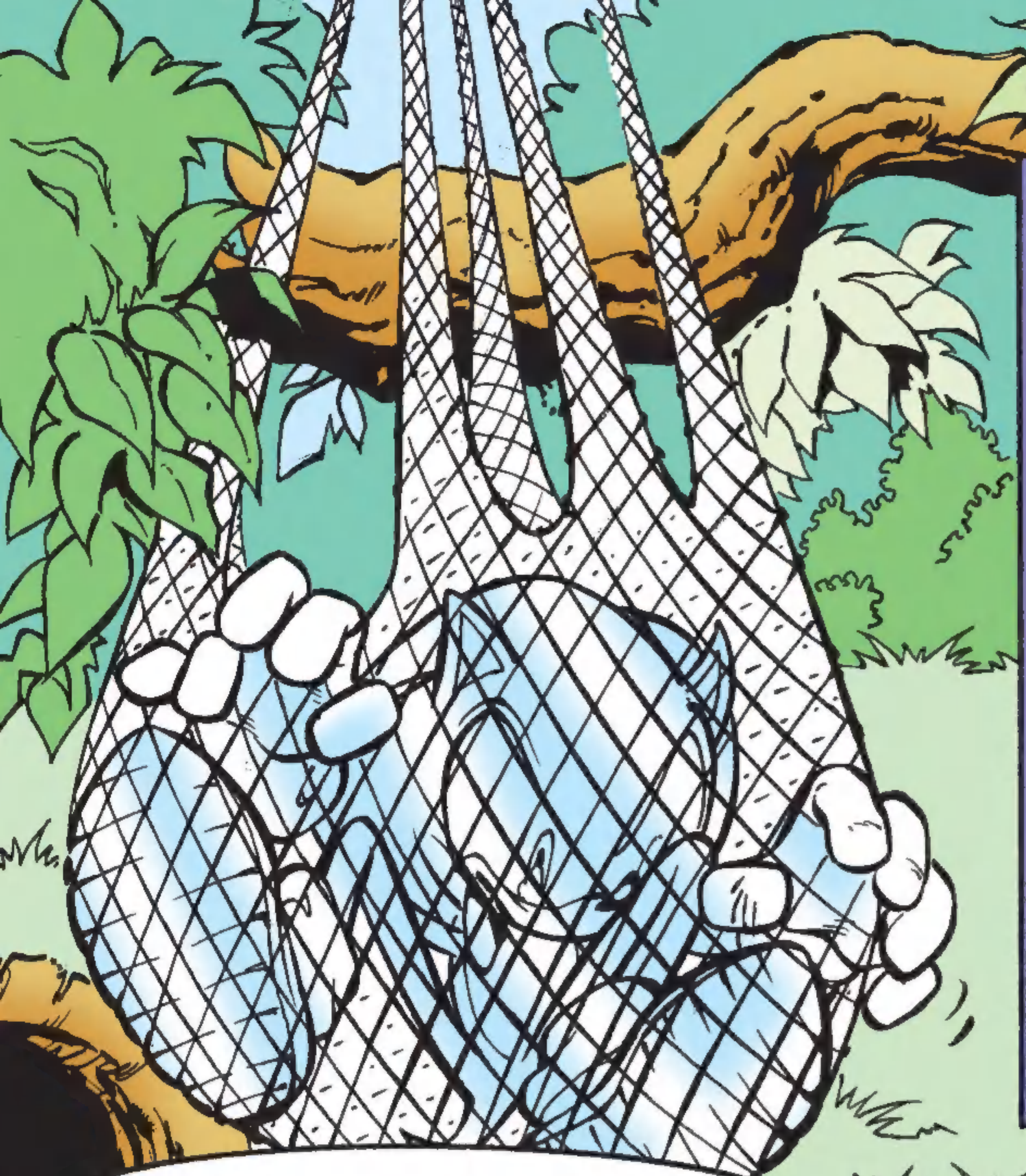
I REALLY BLEW IT.

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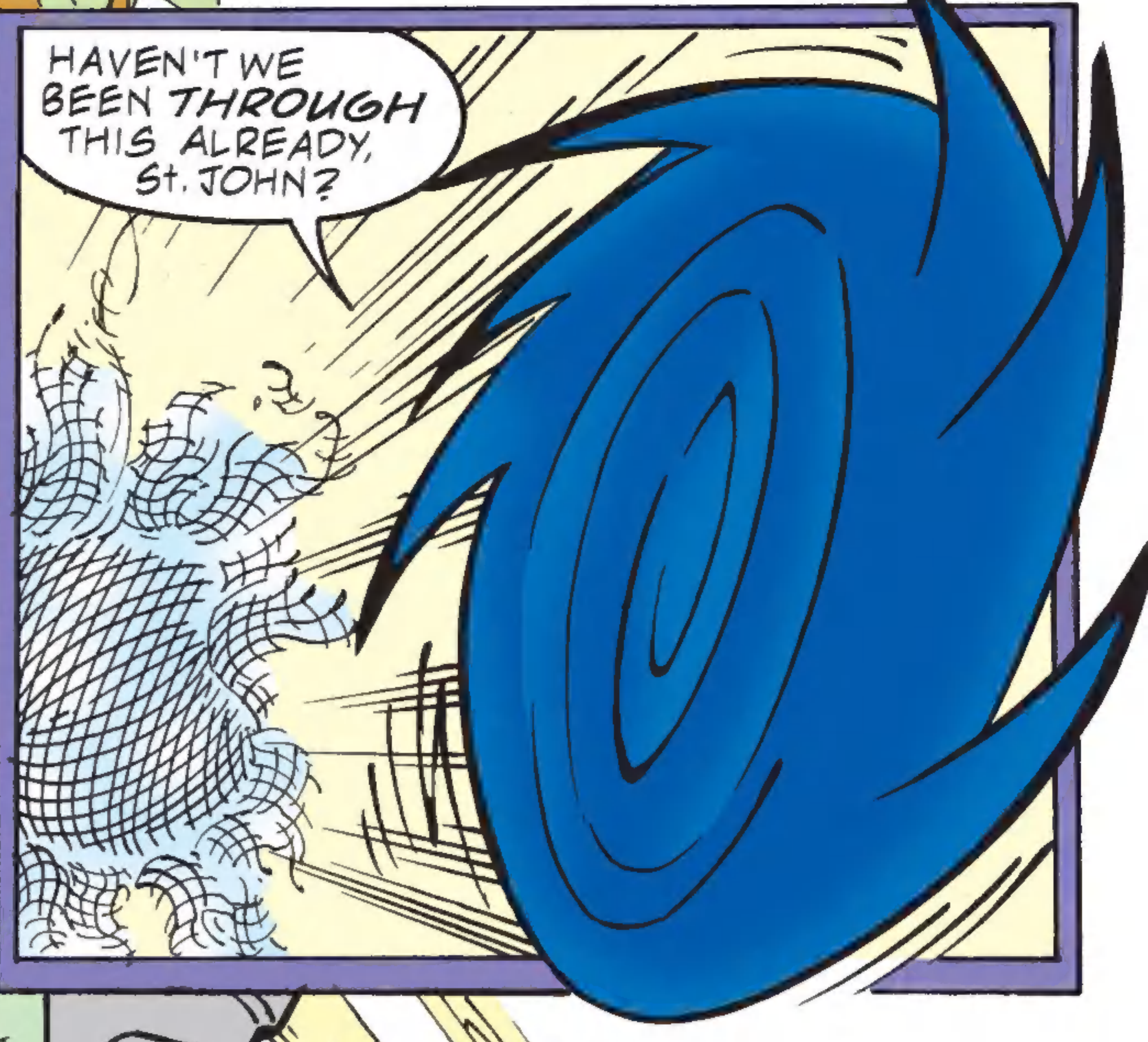
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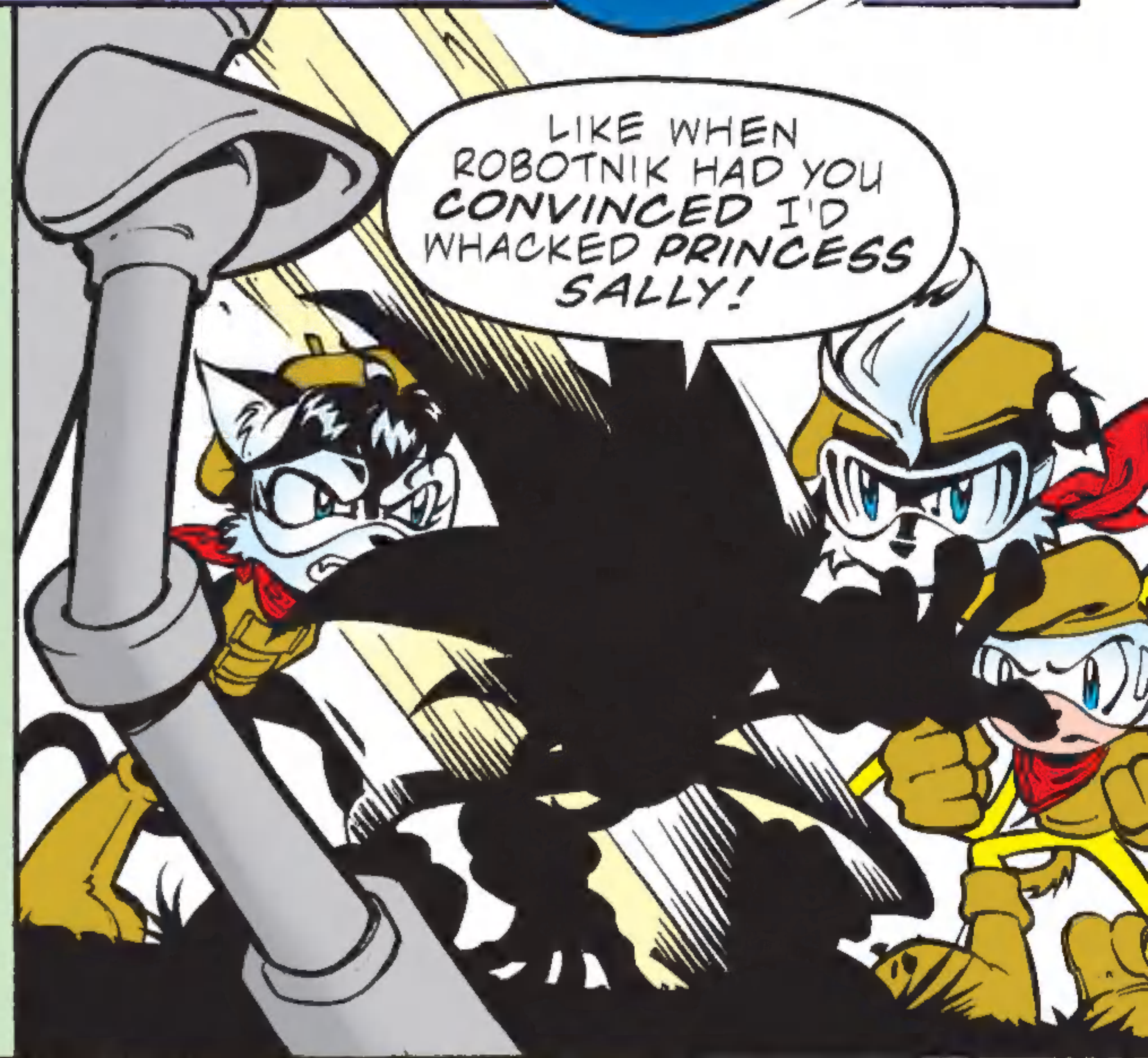
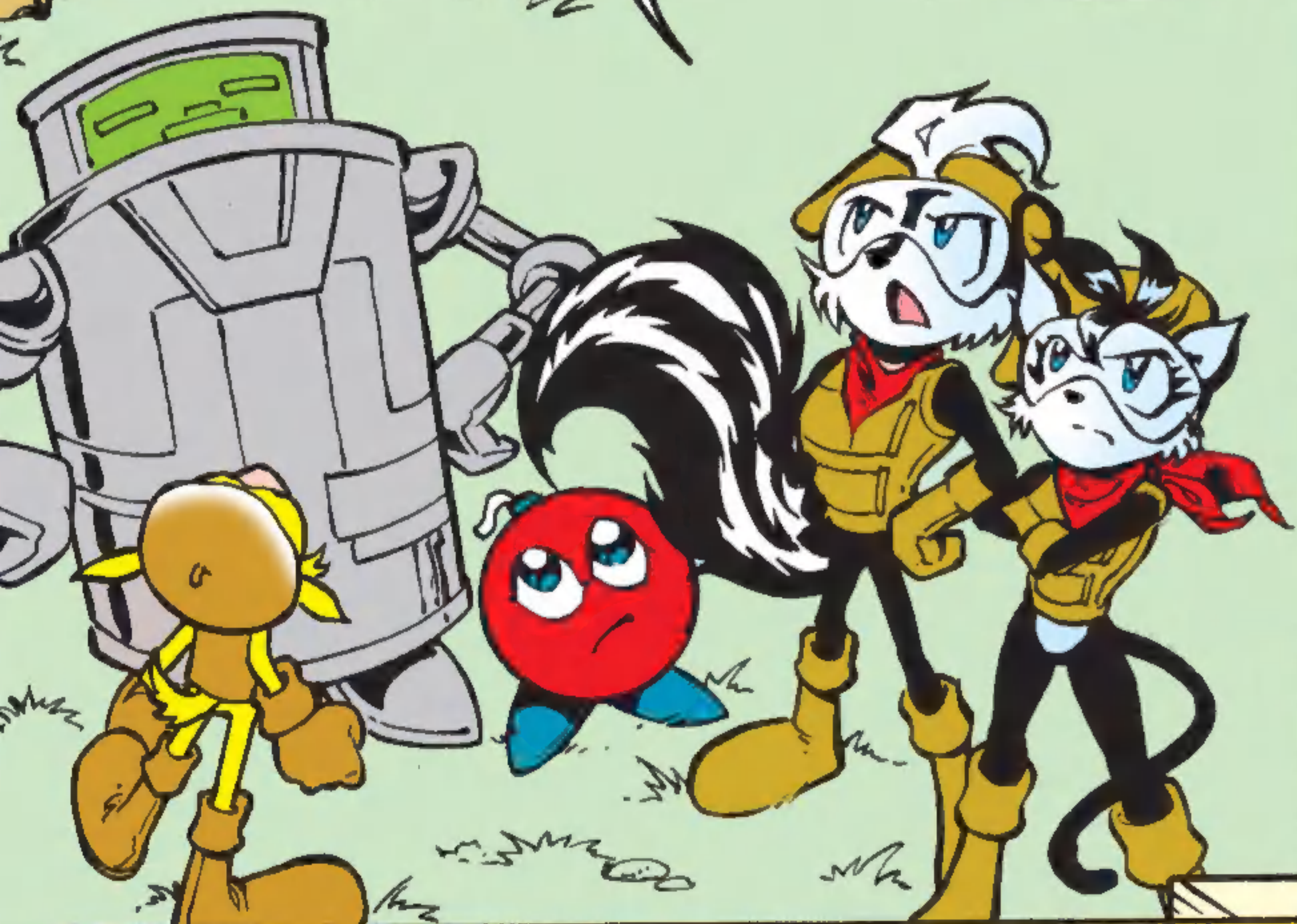


HAVEN'T WE
BEEN THROUGH
THIS ALREADY,
ST. JOHN?



SIR SONIC THE HEDGEHOG,
I HEREBY PLACE YOU UNDER
ARREST FOR THE THEFT OF A
ROYAL ARTIFACT--

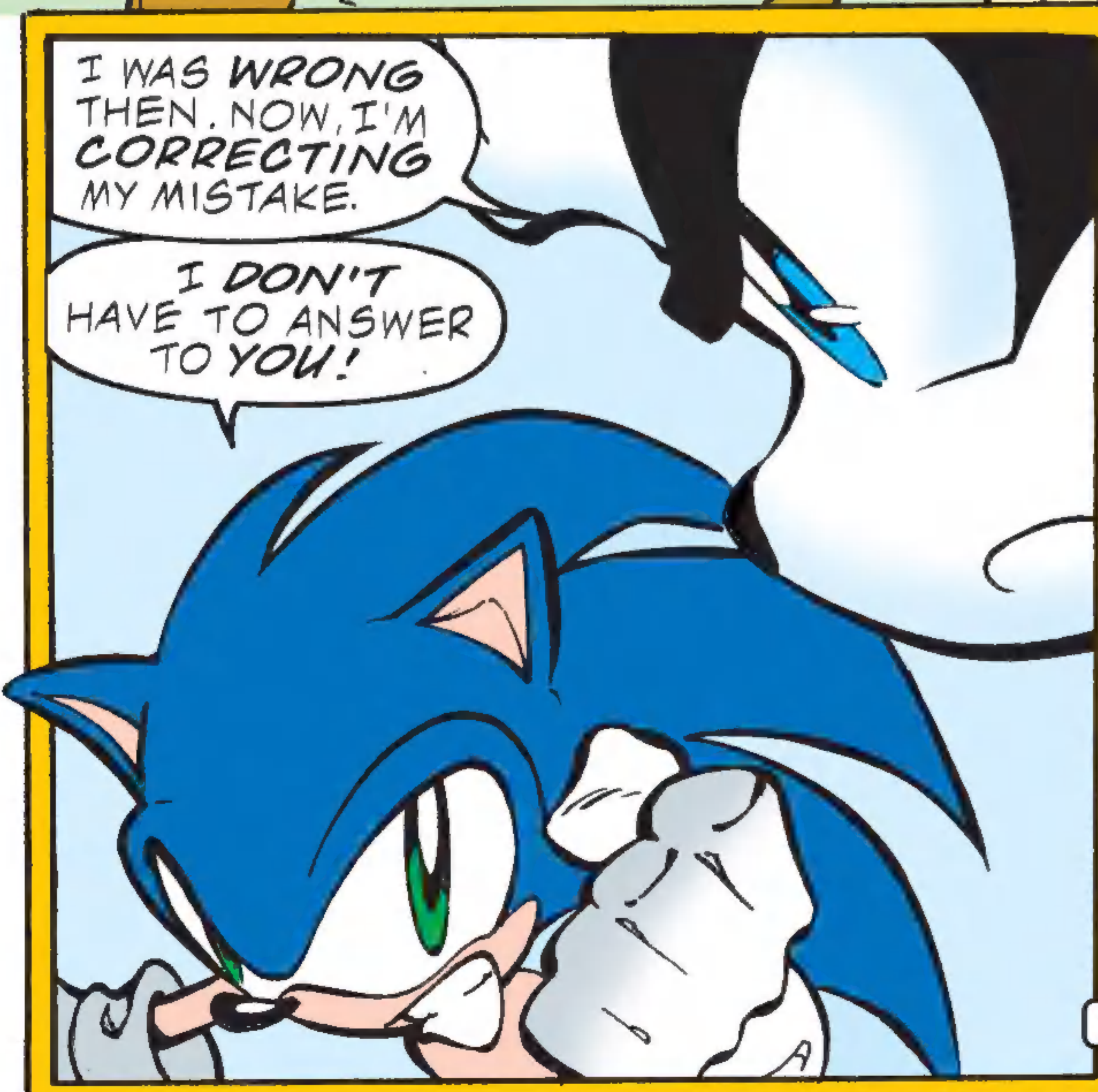
ARREST?!



LIKE WHEN
ROBOTNIK HAD YOU
CONVINCED I'D
WHACKED PRINCESS
SALLY!

I WAS **WRONG**
THEN. NOW, I'M
CORRECTING
MY MISTAKE.

I **DON'T**
HAVE TO ANSWER
TO YOU!



BUT YOU
HAVE TO
ANSWER TO
SOMEONE,
RIGHT?



ROBOTROPOLIS...

KEEP MOVING IN
AN ORDERLY
FASHION.

GRANDMA, I'M
NOT SURE I FEEL
SAFE HERE.

NOR I,
HOPE. NOR I.

WELL, IT'S A STEP
UP FROM BEING SET
UPON BY MONKEYS
AND HEDGEHOGS.
ISN'T IT?

AHHH, MY
"PEEPS"--WELCOME
TO THE CITY OF
THE FUTURE.
DON'T MIND THE
APPEARANCE.

IT'S
EQUIPPED WITH
ACCOMMODA-
TIONS FOR
EVERYONE.
HERE YOU'LL BE
SAFE FROM
DANGER!

HOORAY!

AS FOR
YOU, COLIN,
ANY BROTHER
OF MINE
DESERVES NO
LESS THAN A
LUXURY SUITE
AT MY
PALACE!

AND BENEATH
THE CITY
STREETS...

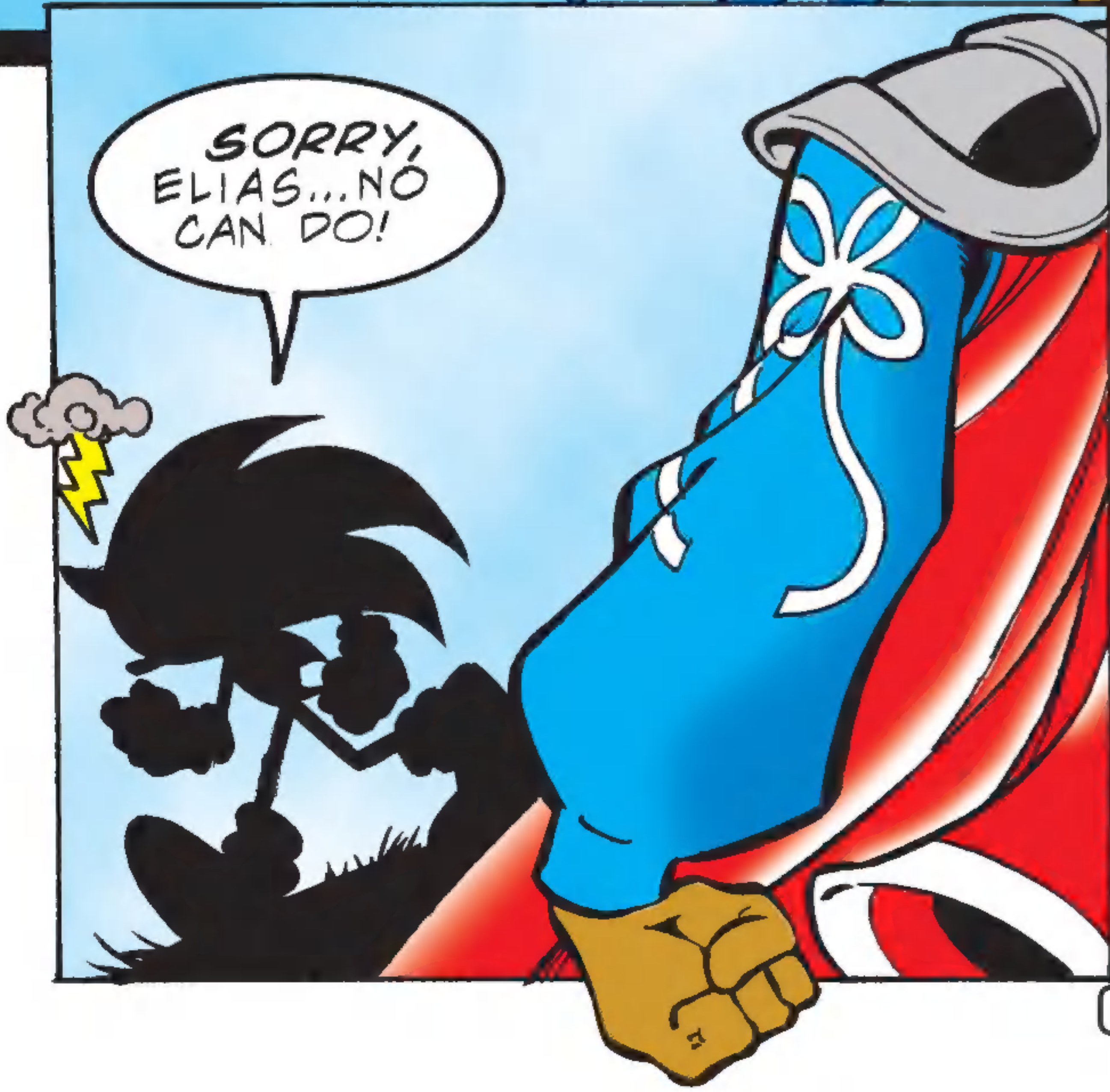
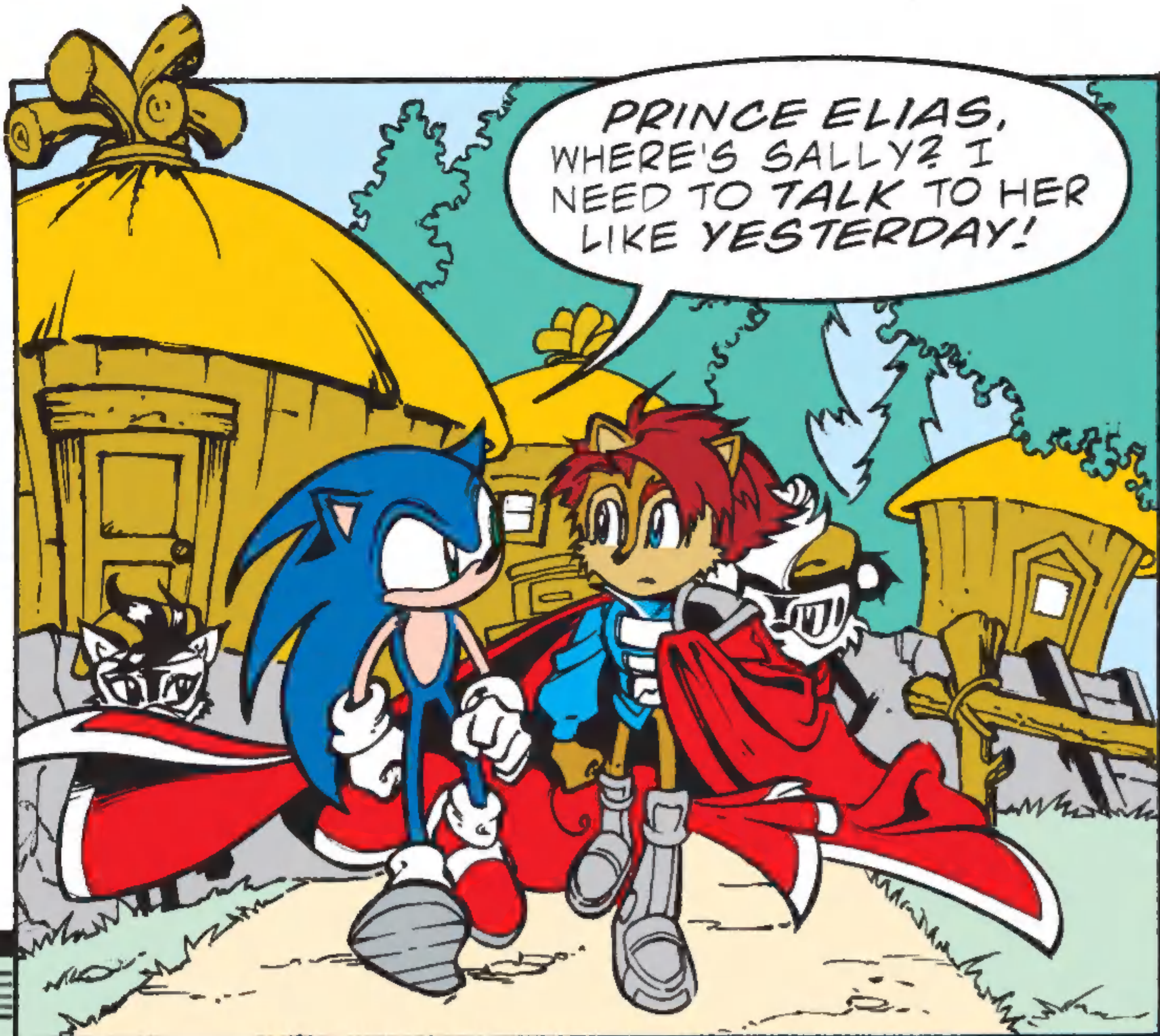
HA! THE
SWORD OF ACORNS
BELONGS TO
KODOS!

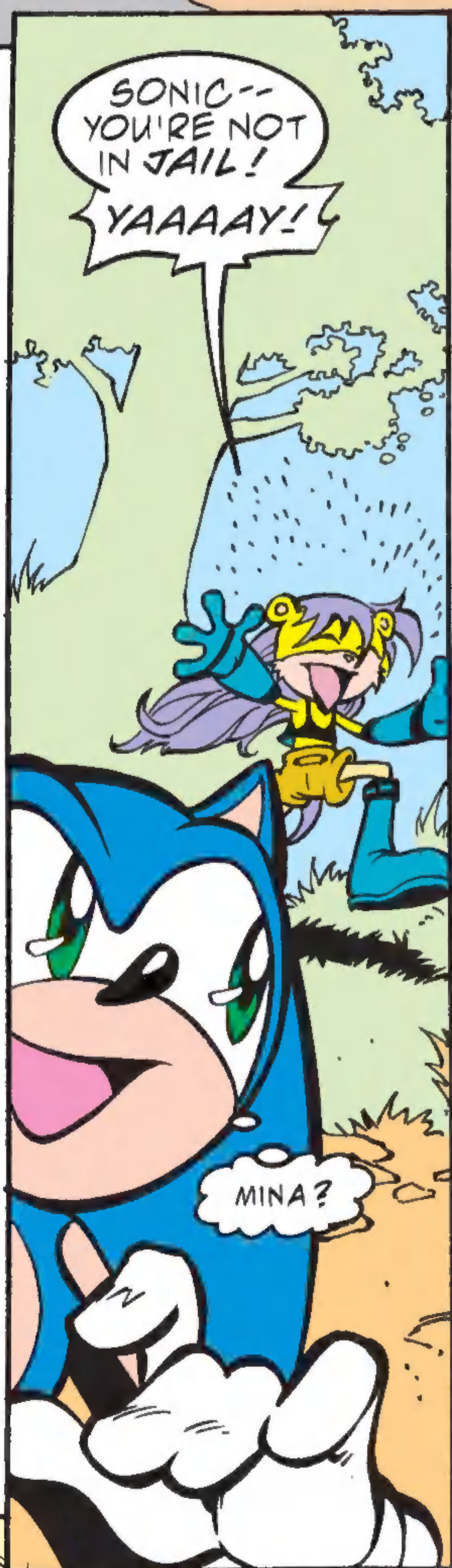
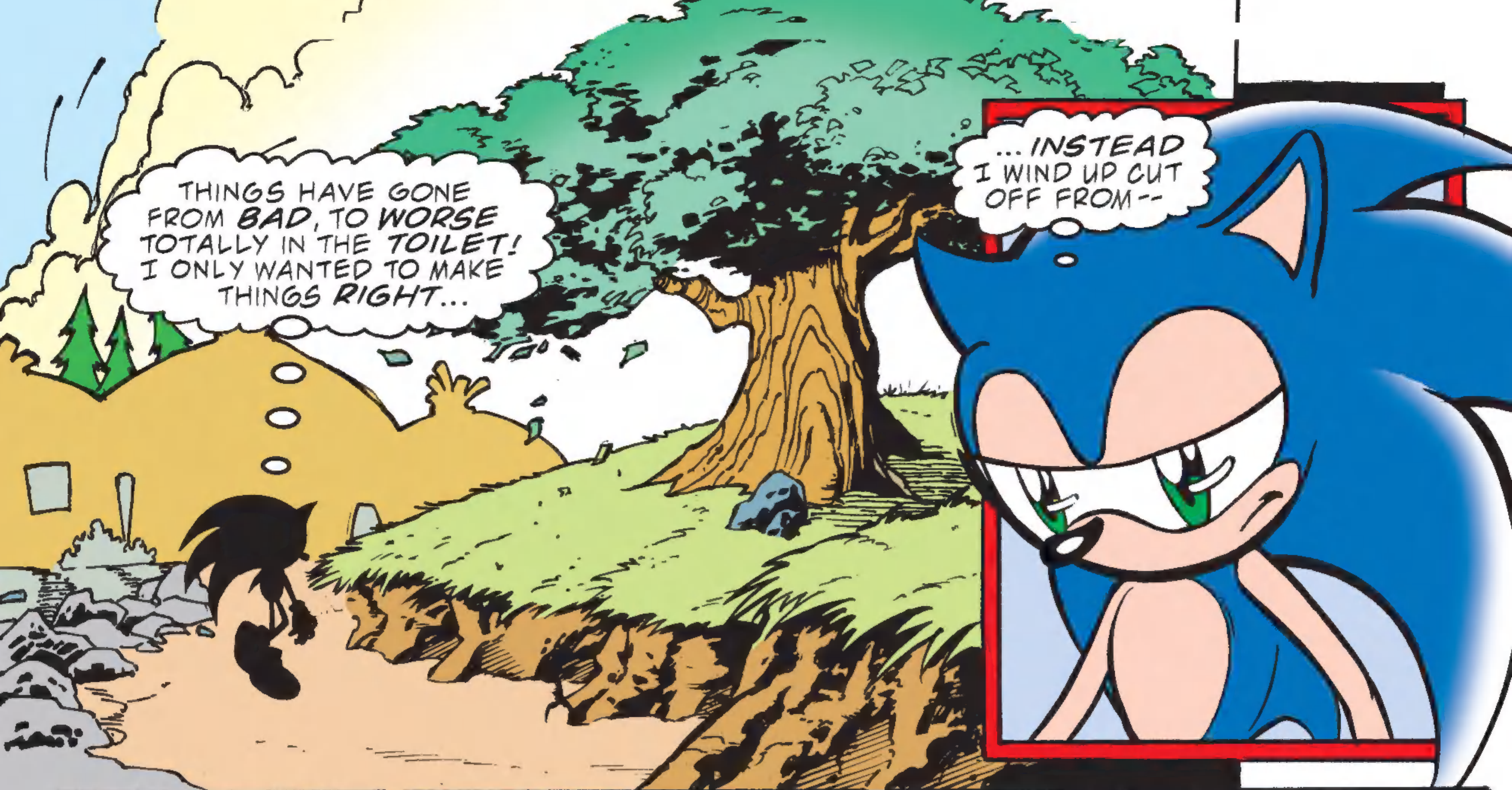
NOW, I HOLD ALL
THE CARDS! SOON
I'LL HAVE SONIC AND
ROBOTNIK JUMPING
THROUGH HOOPS FOR
ME!

I WON'T
NEED
ANY-
THING...

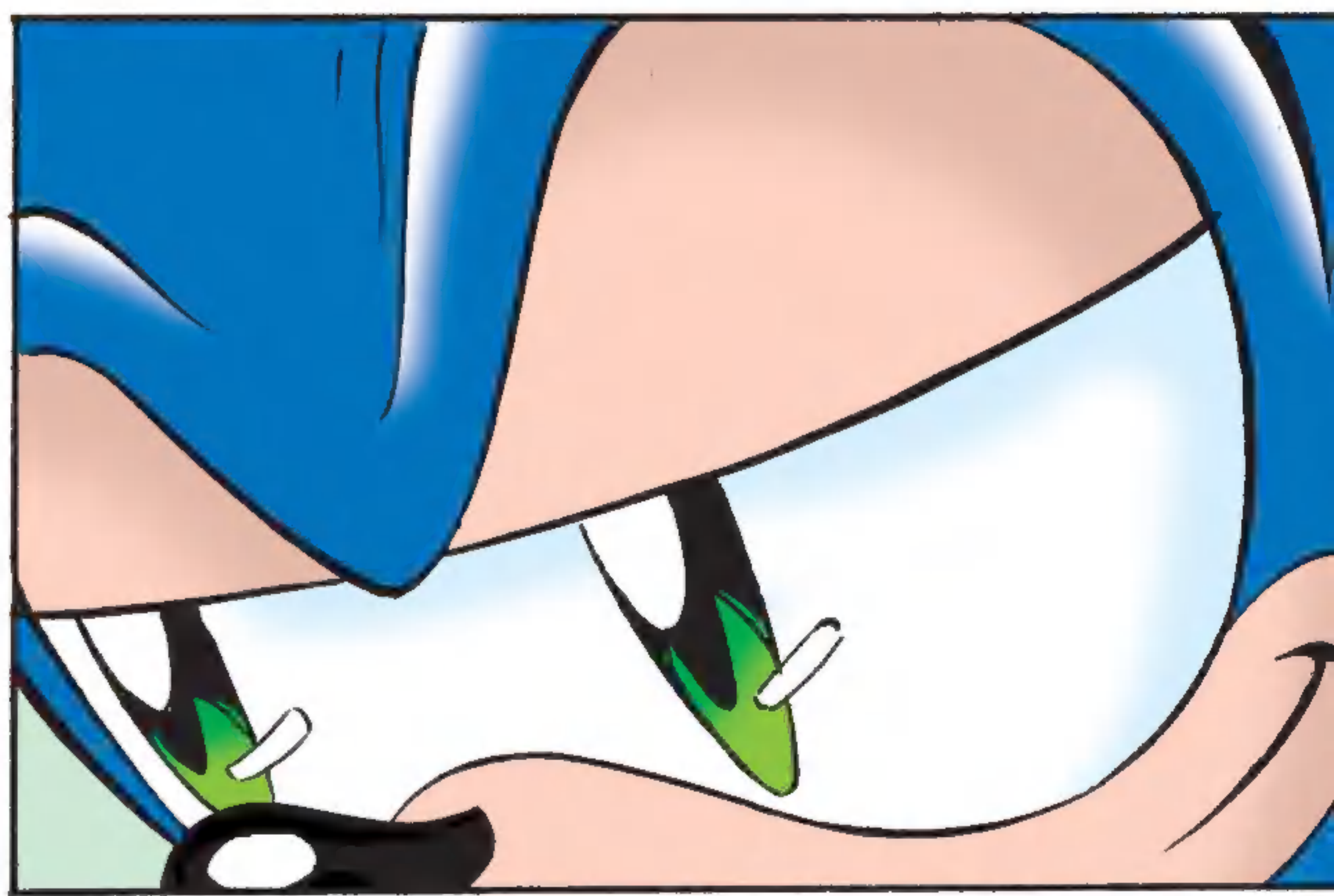
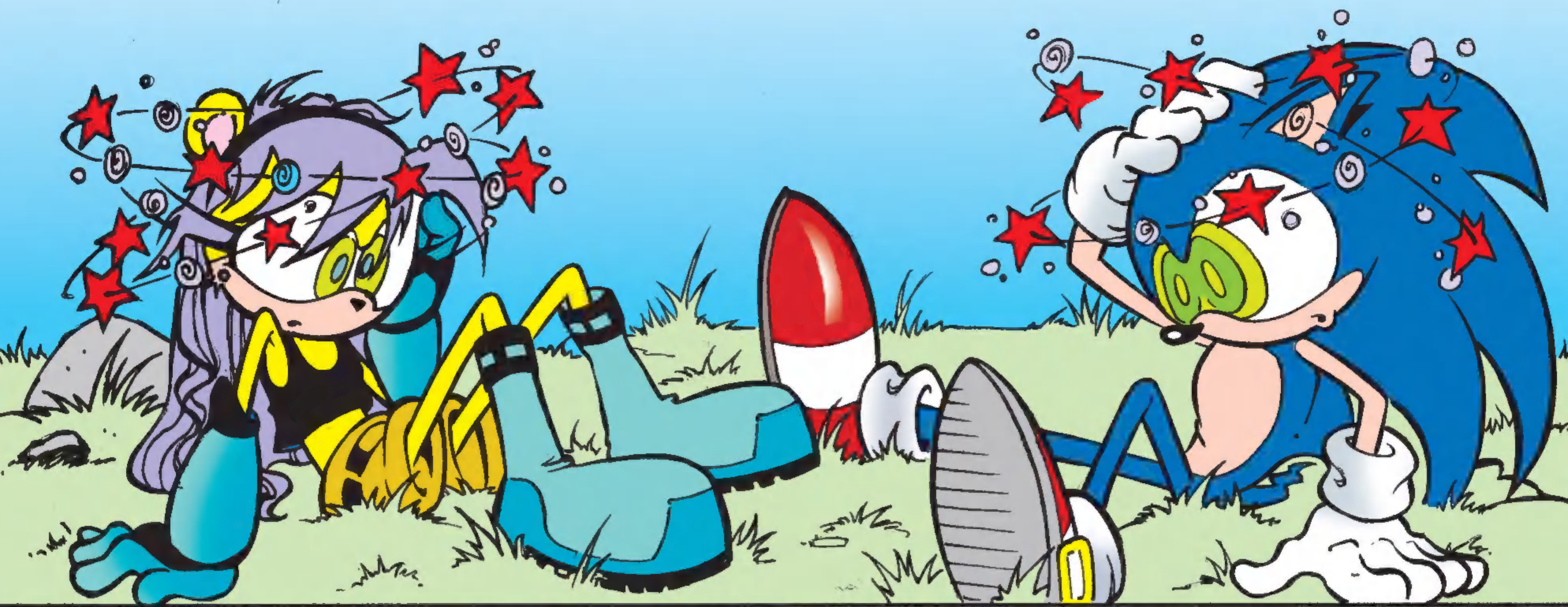
...OR
ANYONE!

Wwww





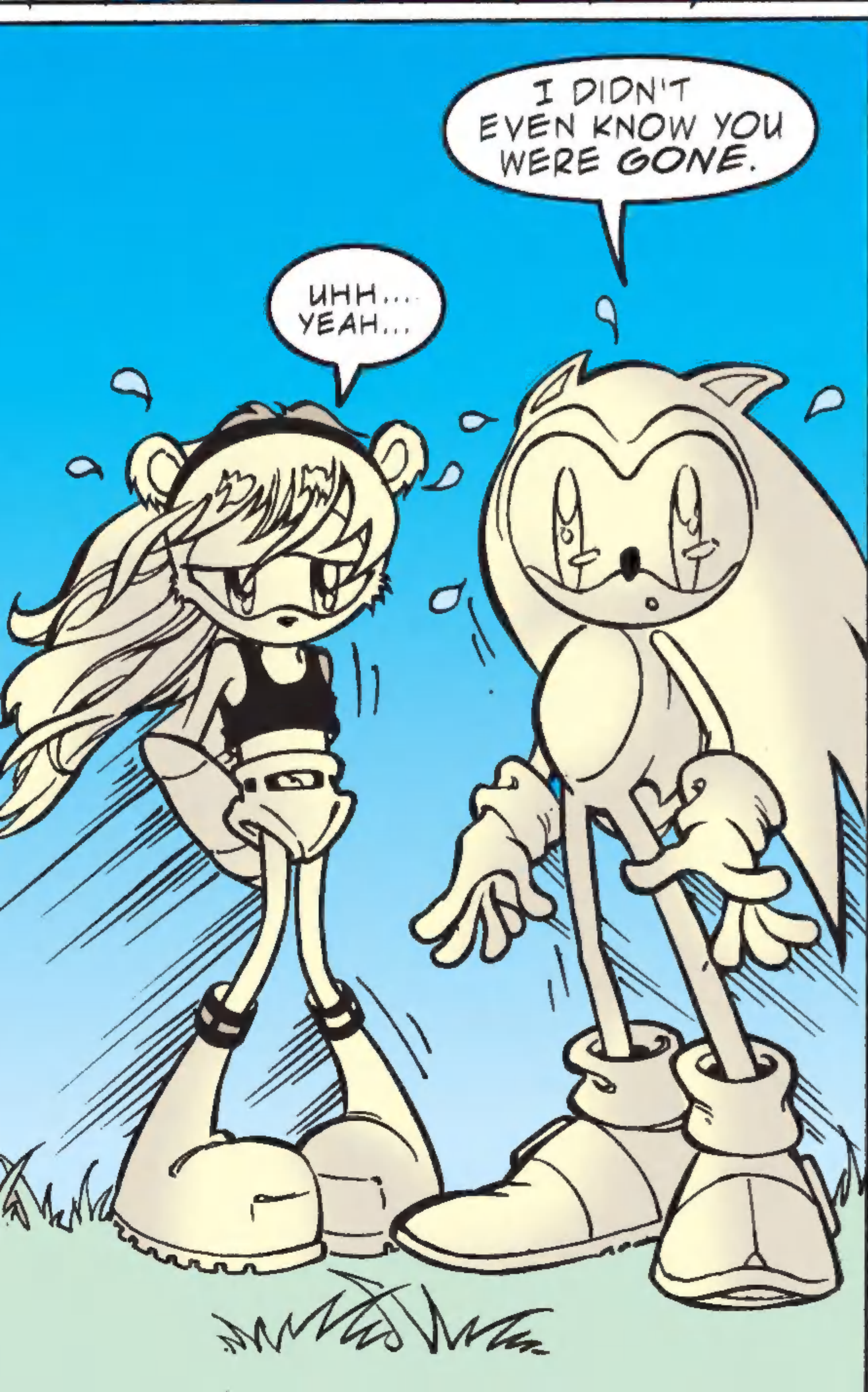
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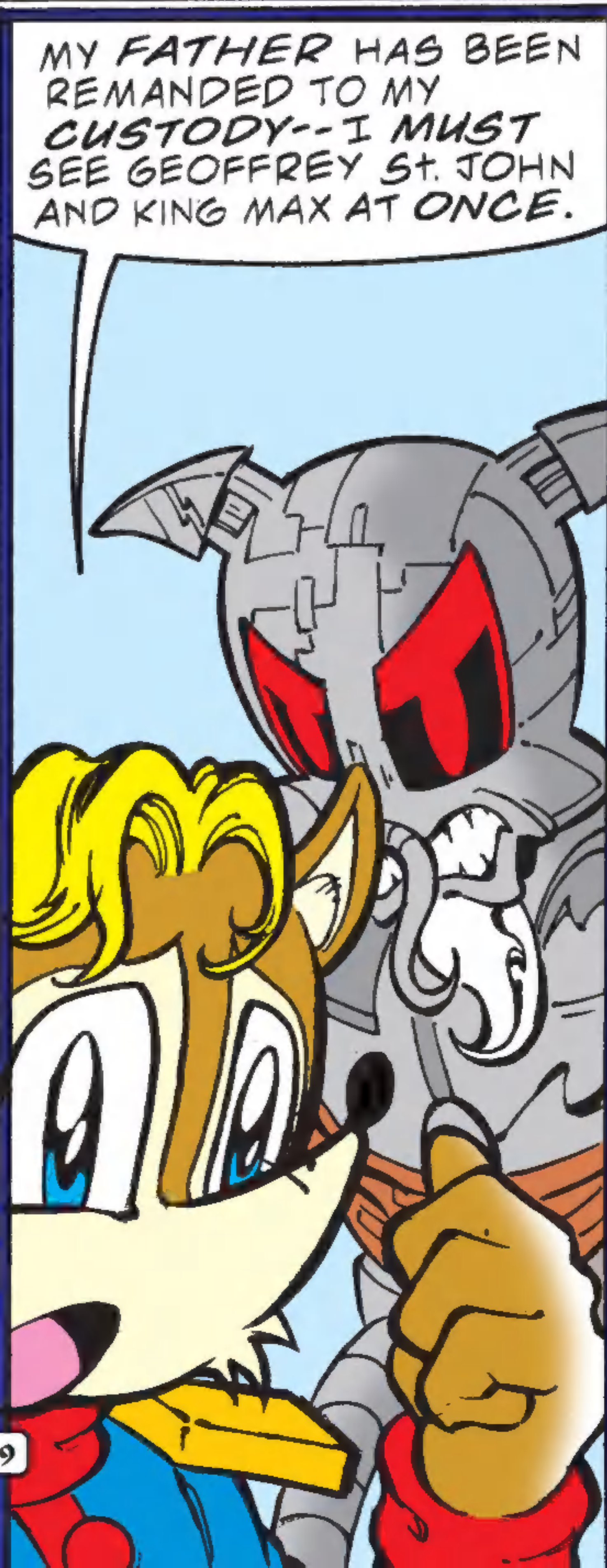
ANTOINE?
BUNNIE? AND
GENERAL
D'COOLETTE?

YES, SON-EEK.
WE'VE JUST ARRIVED
FROM ZEE KINGDOM
OF MERCIA.



I DIDN'T
EVEN KNOW YOU
WERE GONE.

UHH...
YEAH...



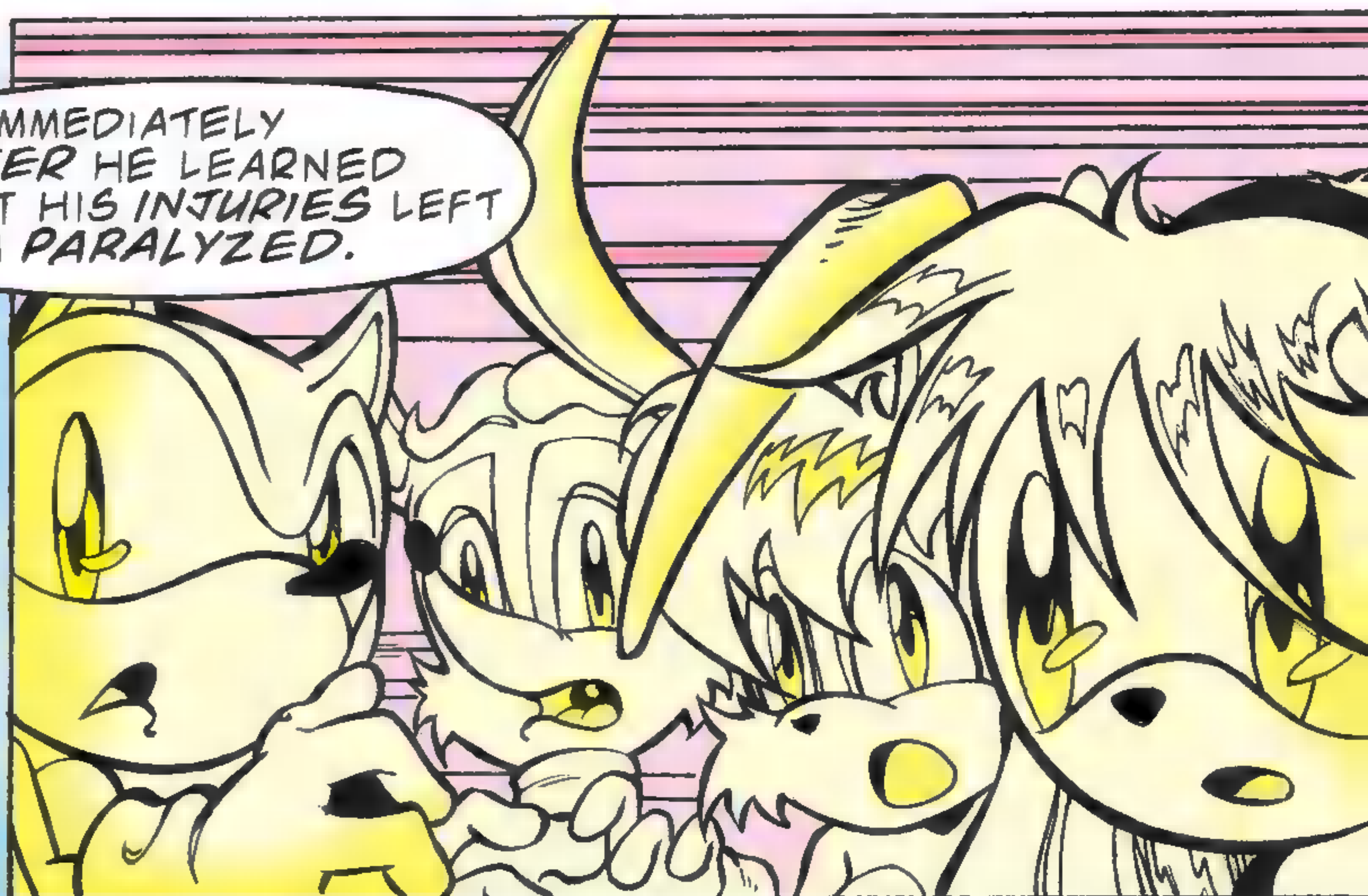
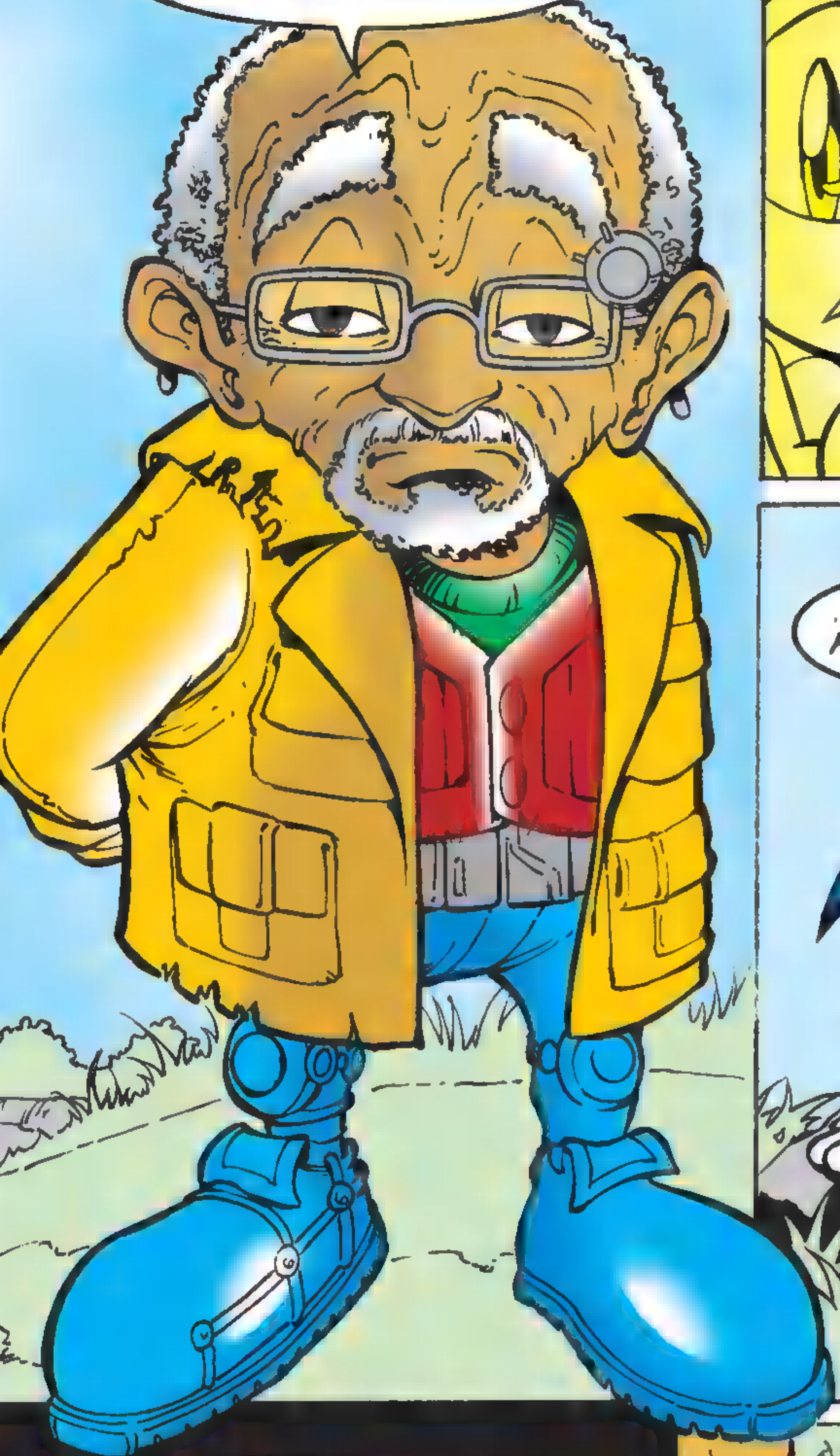
MY FATHER HAS BEEN
REMANDED TO MY
CUSTODY--I MUST
SEE GEOFFREY ST. JOHN
AND KING MAX AT ONCE.



NOT GOING
TO HAPPEN,
SON.

YOU'LL HAVE TO GIVE HIM OVER TO GEOFFREY AND ELIAS. MAX TURNED HIS AUTHORITY OVER TO THE PRINCE...

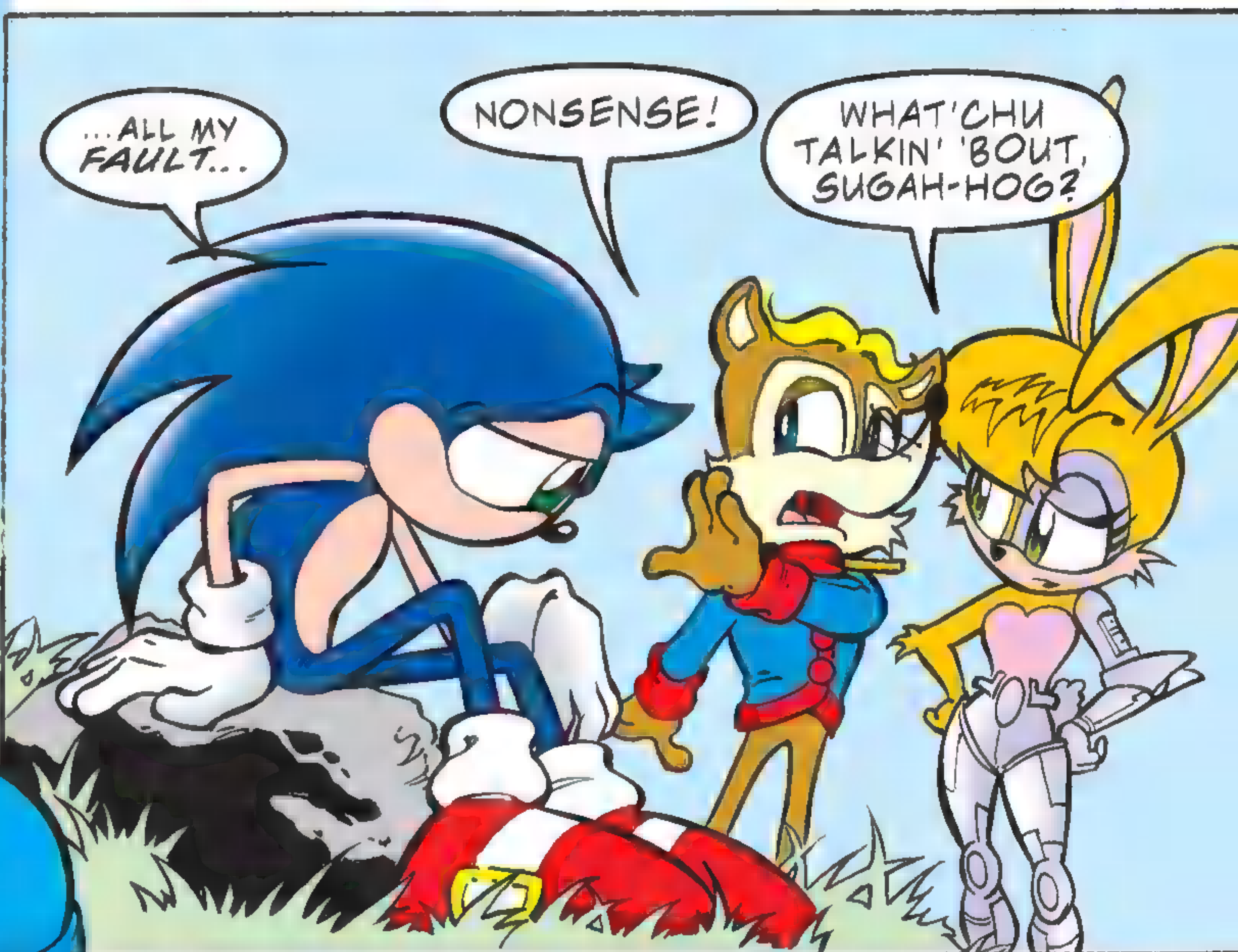
...IMMEDIATELY AFTER HE LEARNED THAT HIS INJURIES LEFT HIM PARALYZED.



...ALL MY FAULT...

NONSENSE!

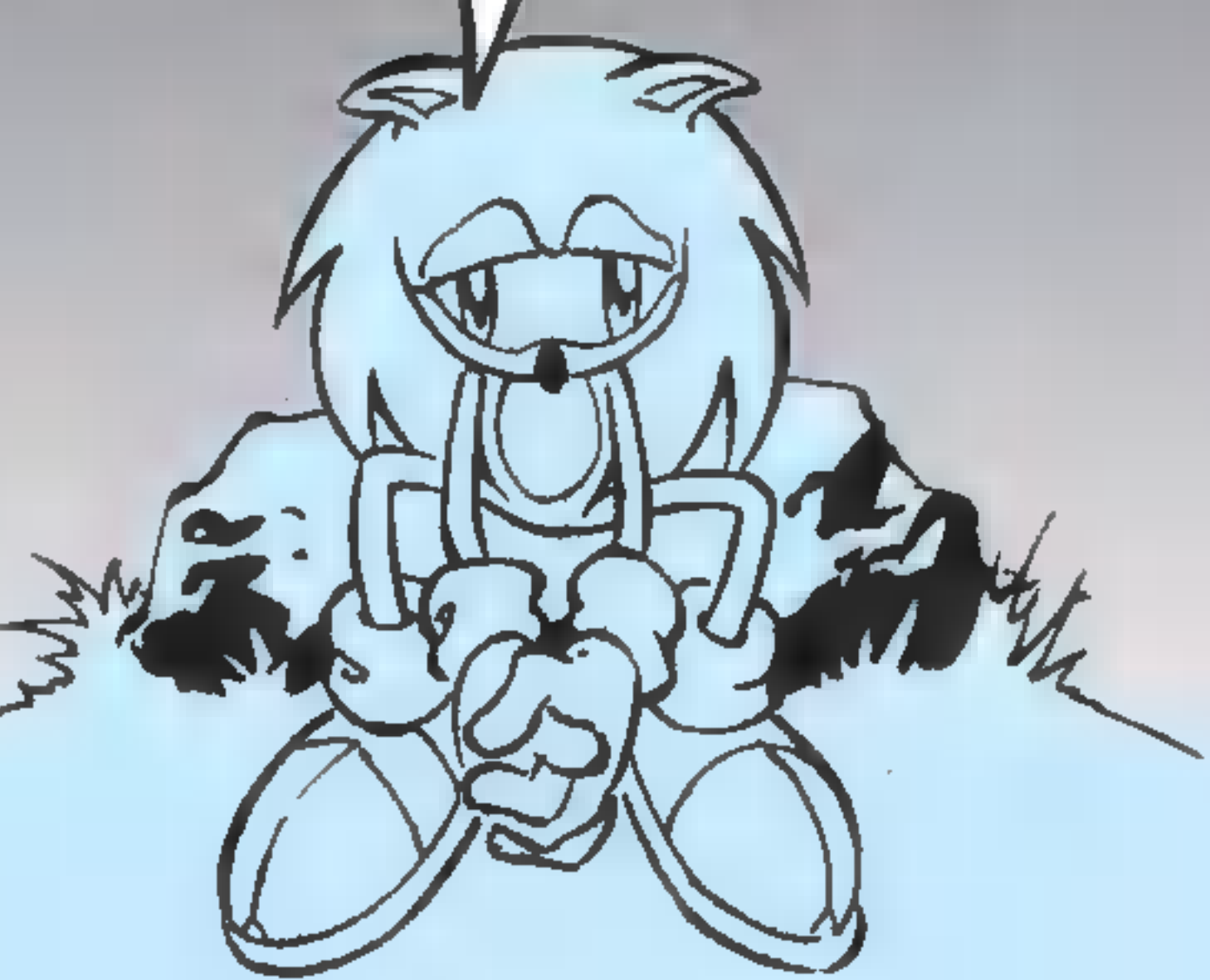
WHAT'CHU TALKIN' 'BOUT, SUGAH-HOG?



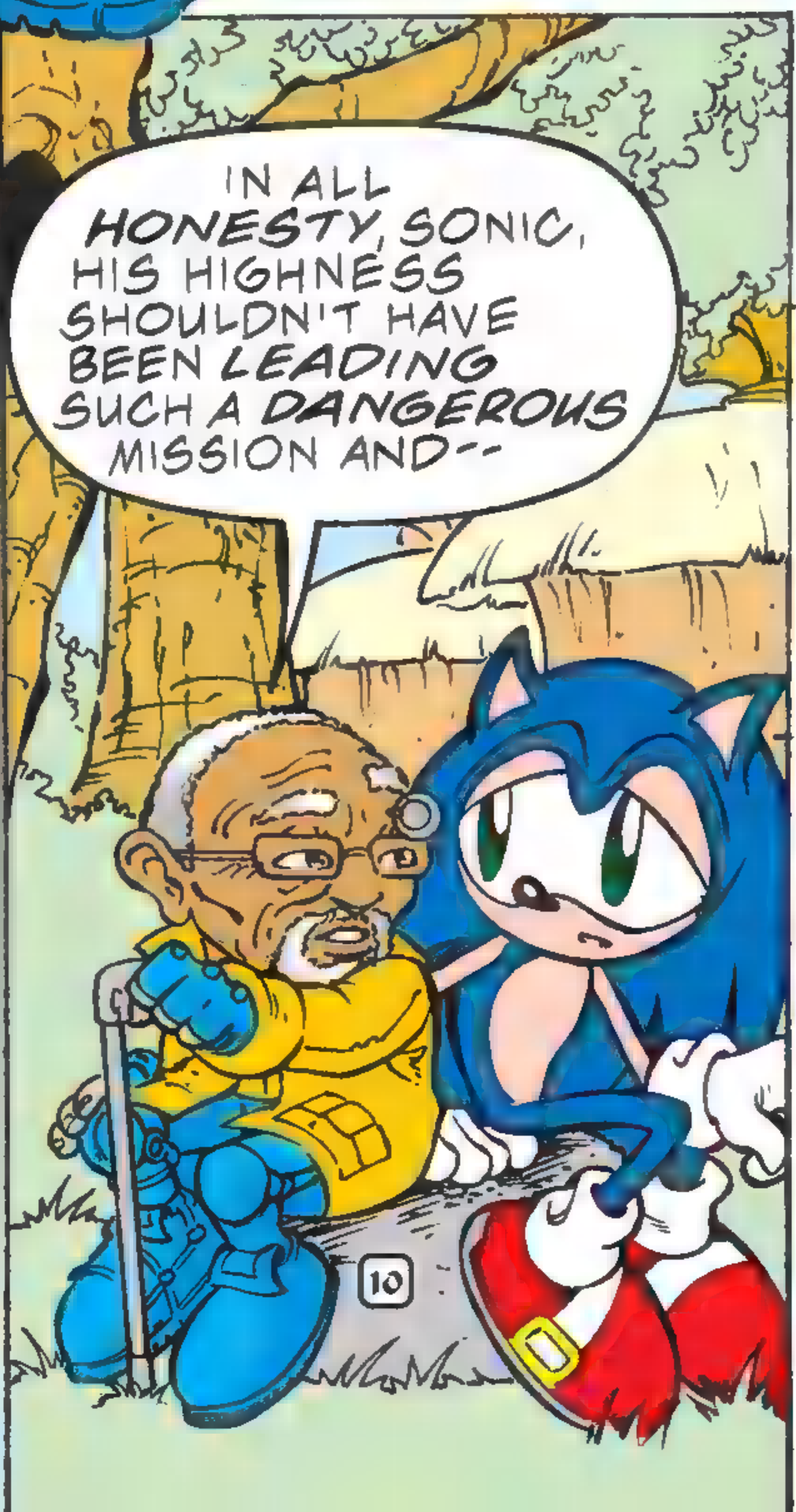
KING MAX GOT HURT BECAUSE I DIDN'T PROTECT HIM WHEN WE BUSTED INTO ROBOTNIK'S BASE...

...THEN I TOOK HIS SWORD. I FIGURED SALLY AND ELIAS WERE BUSY AND I JUST COULDN'T WAIT.

NOW, ROBOTNIK'S GOT IT. WHEN ELIAS TRIED TO FIND OUT ABOUT IT, I BLEW HIM OFF.

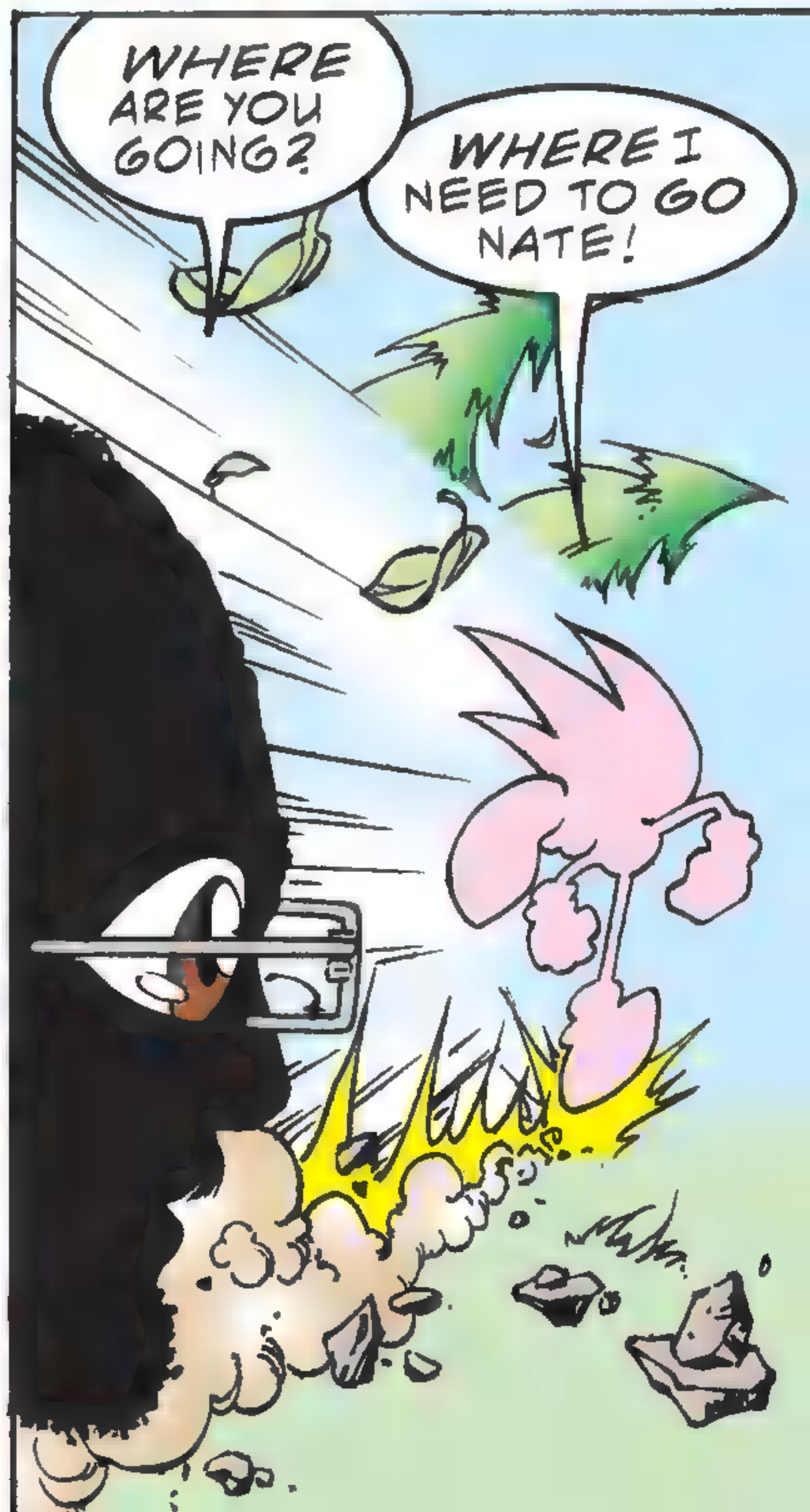


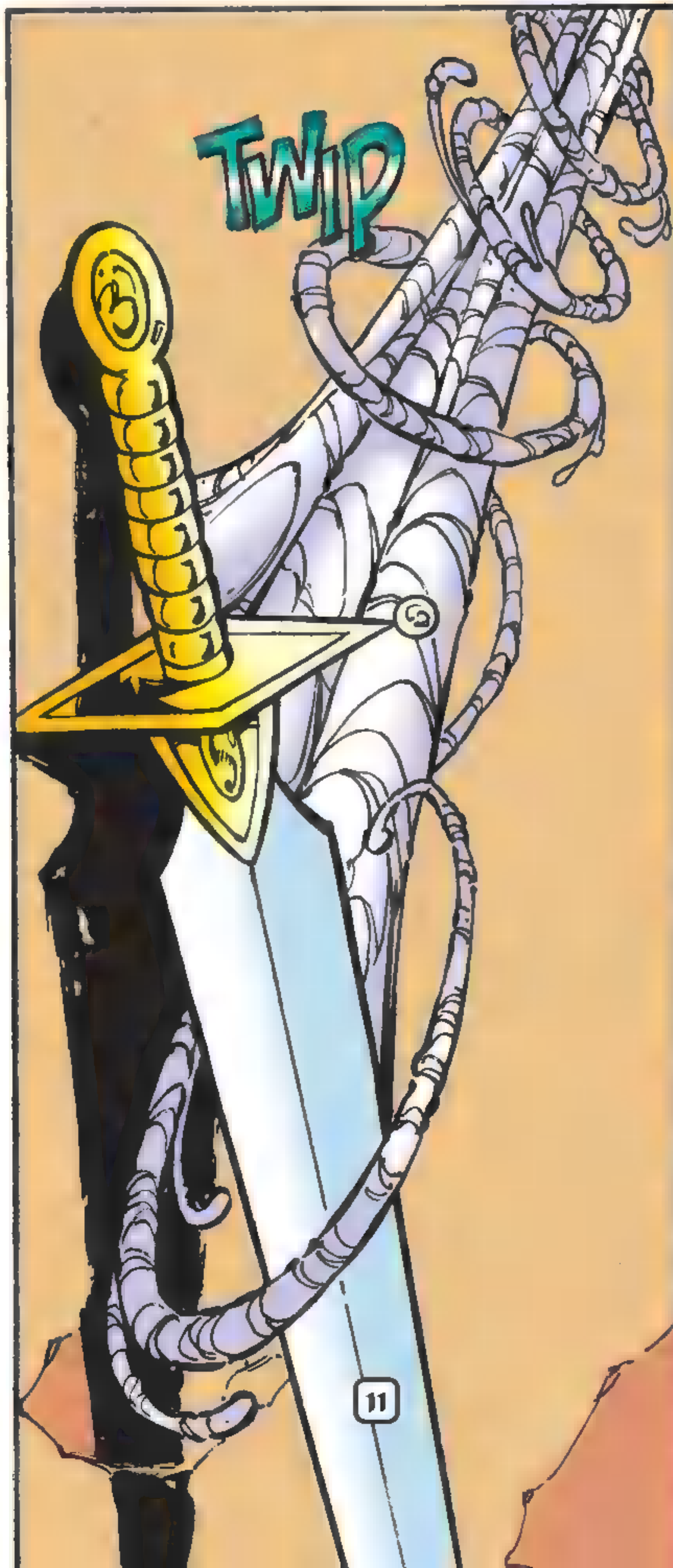
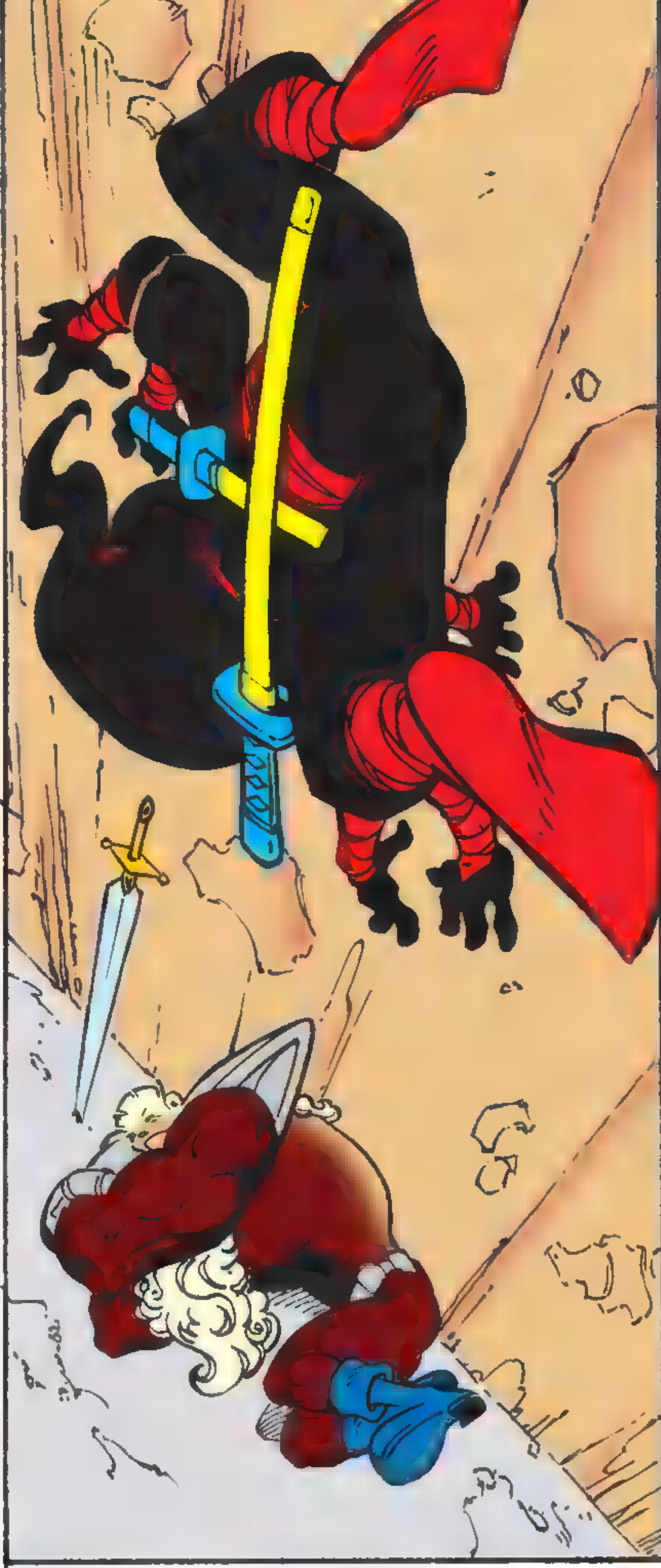
IN ALL HONESTY, SONIC, HIS HIGHNESS SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN LEADING SUCH A DANGEROUS MISSION AND--



WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

WHERE I NEED TO GO NATE!



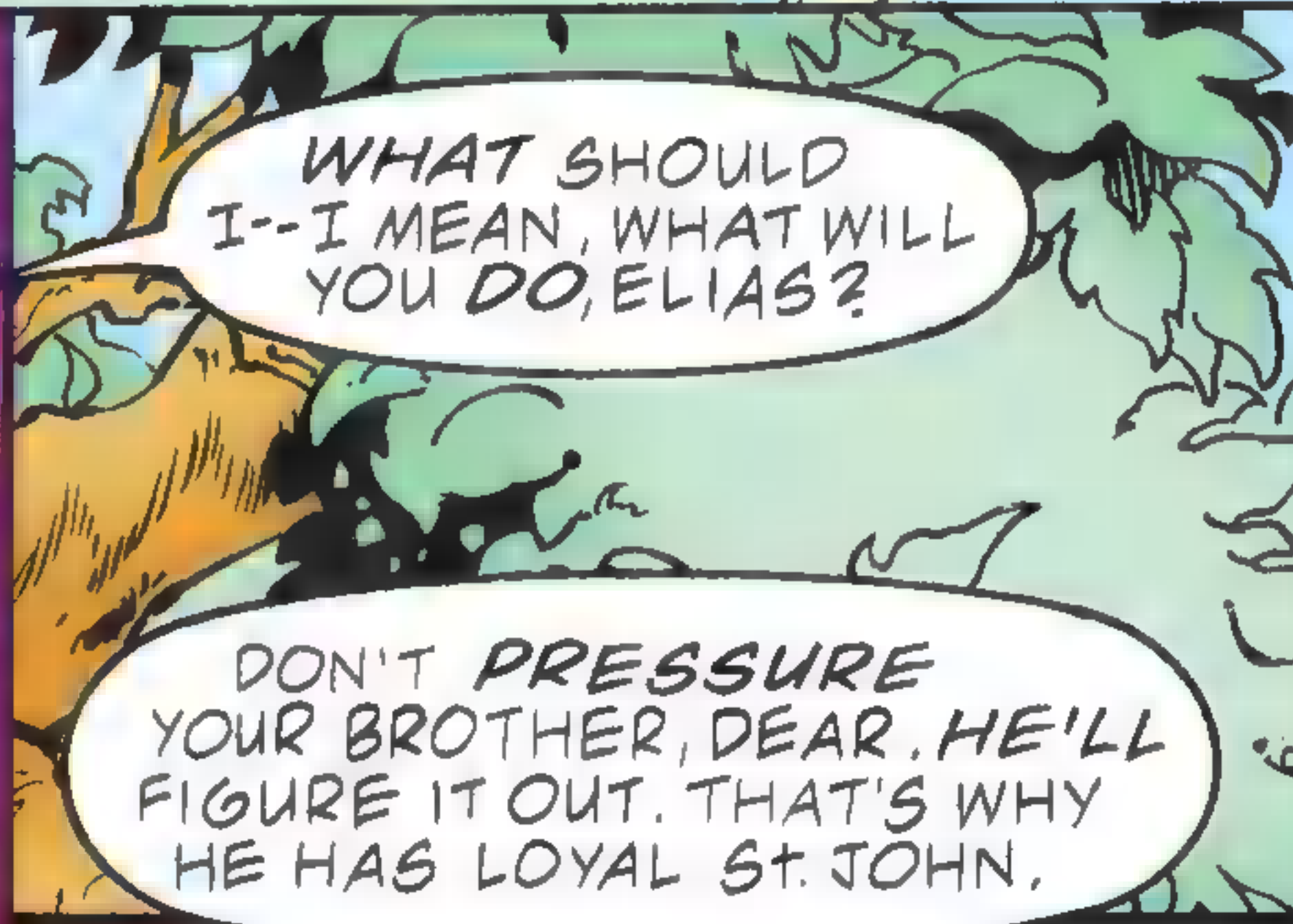




HE DID WHAT?!



STOLE THE SWORD, AND NO ONE KNOWS WHY. HE REFUSES TO EXPLAIN HIS ACTIONS.



WHAT SHOULD I--I MEAN, WHAT WILL YOU DO, ELIAS?

DON'T **PRESSURE** YOUR BROTHER, DEAR. HE'LL FIGURE IT OUT. THAT'S WHY HE HAS LOYAL ST. JOHN.

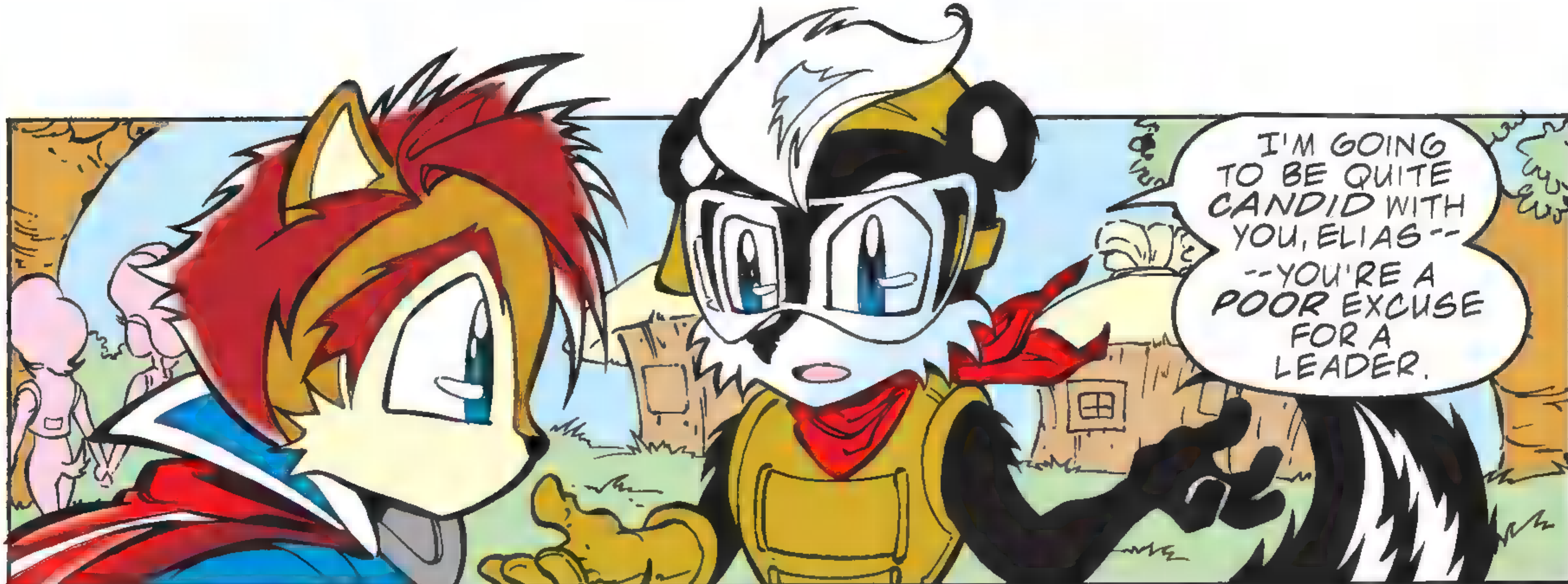


WHY DON'T WE GO ABOUT GETTING ME SOMETHING DECENT TO WEAR?



SOUNDS LIKE A **CAPITAL** IDEA, YOUR MAJESTY. IT WILL GIVE ME LEAVE TO ADE-QUATELY **COUNCIL** THE PRINCE.



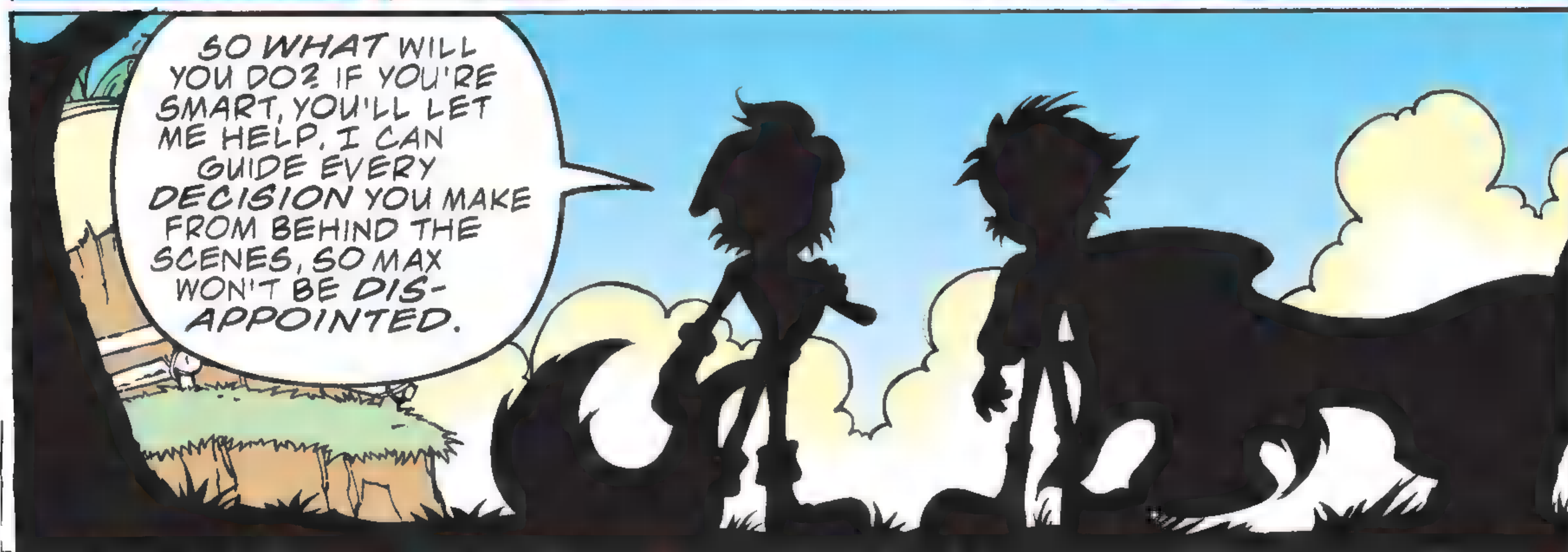


I'M GOING TO BE QUITE CANDID WITH YOU, ELIAS --
--YOU'RE A POOR EXCUSE FOR A LEADER.

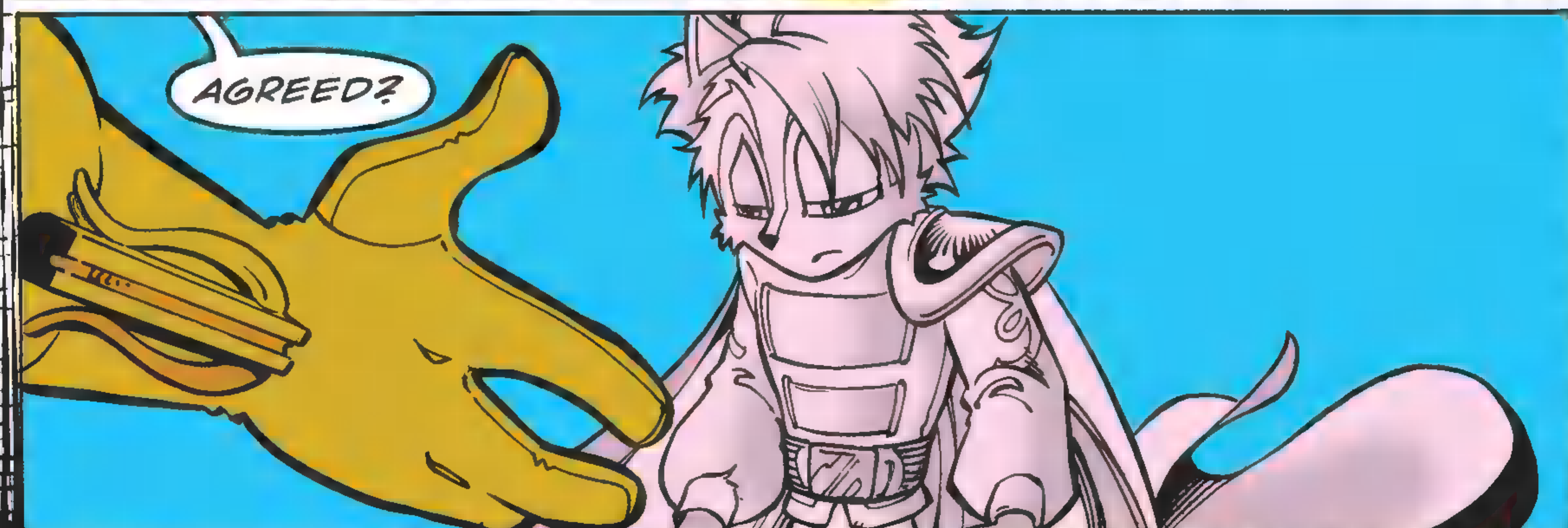


CAN'T BLAME YOU ACTUALLY. YOU WERE NEVER CUT OUT FOR THIS LINE OF WORK. YOU SPENT MOST OF YOUR LIFE ON AN ISLAND...

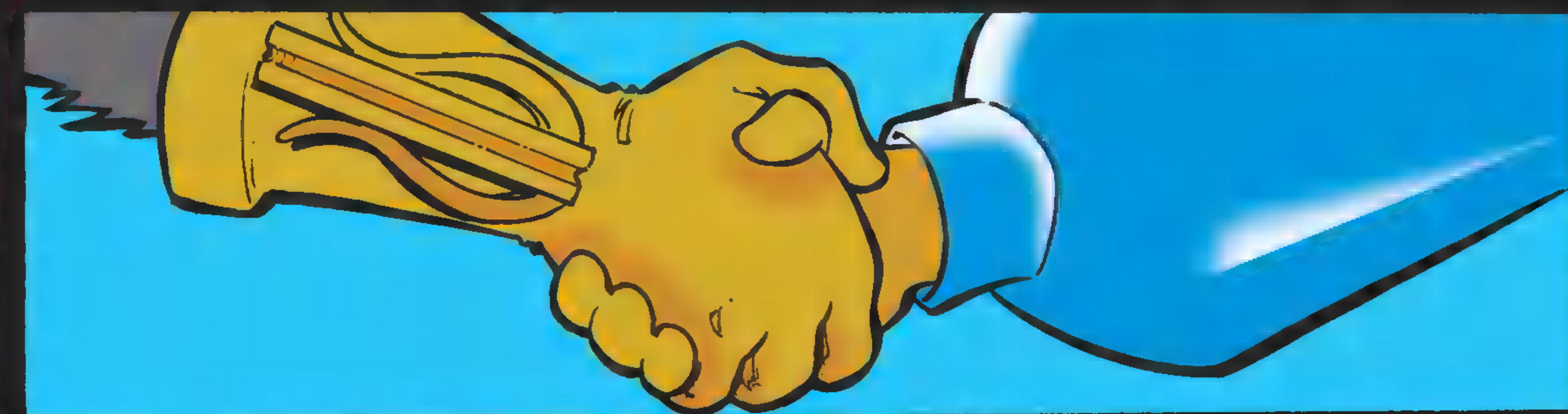
...NEVER DREAMING YOU'D SOMEDAY BE A PRINCE. YOUR FATHER SHOULD'VE APPOINTED THE PRINCESS HIS SUCCESSOR, BUT HE'S STUCK IN THE OLD WAYS.

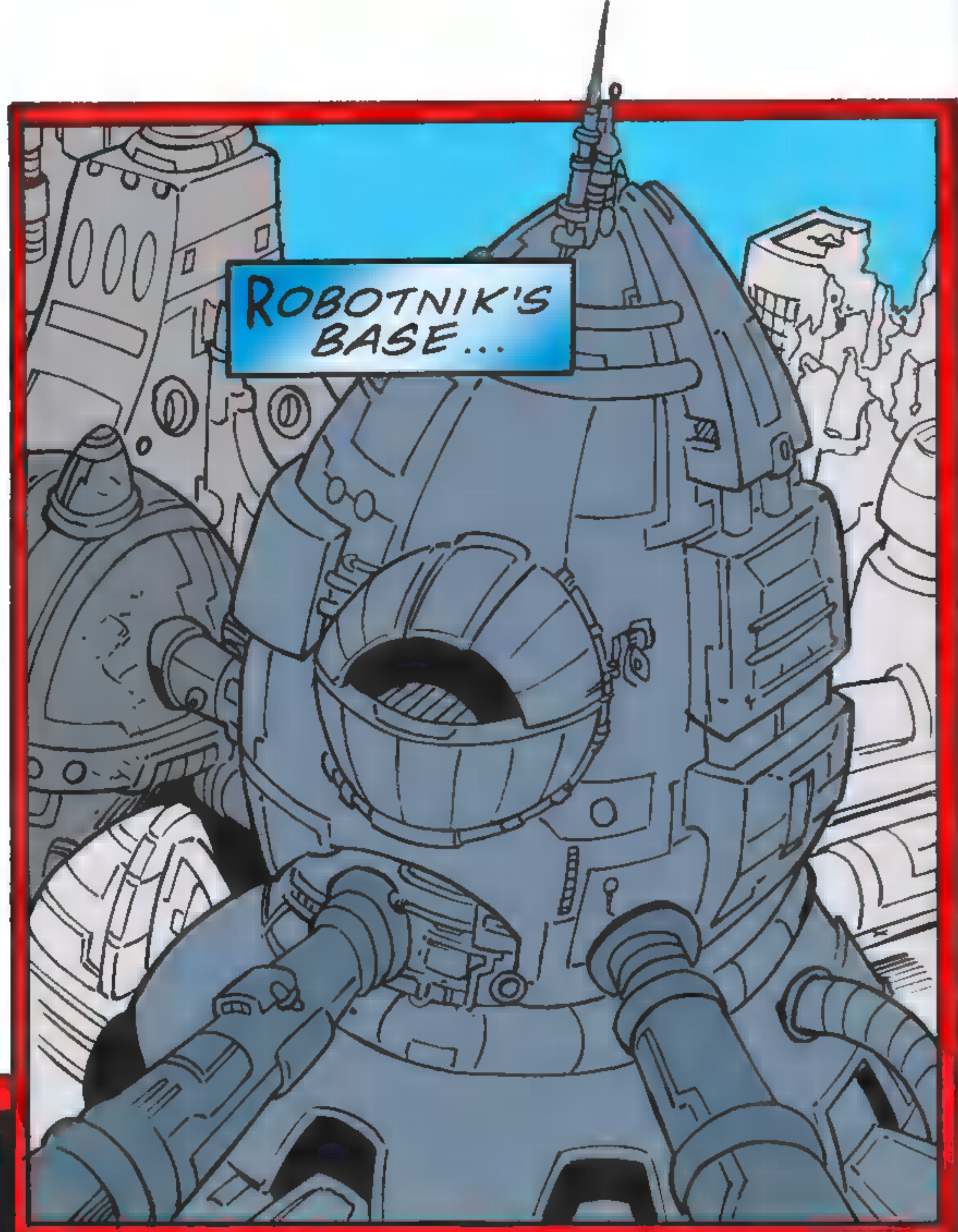


SO WHAT WILL YOU DO? IF YOU'RE SMART, YOU'LL LET ME HELP. I CAN GUIDE EVERY DECISION YOU MAKE FROM BEHIND THE SCENES, SO MAX WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED.



AGREED?





ROBOTNIK'S
BASE...



ENTER.

THIS
PLACE IS LIKE
BIGGER
THAN BIG!

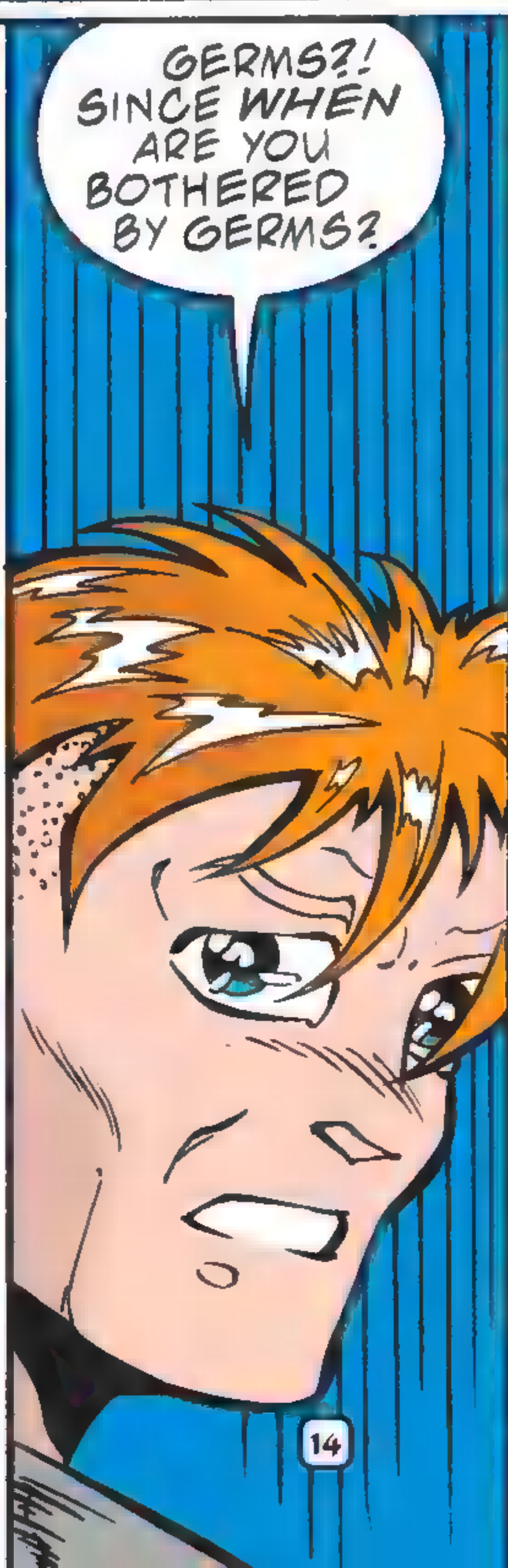


AH, COLIN!
WELCOME--SPLENDID
TO SEE YOU AFTER
"A DECADE OR SO."



IT'S GOOD
TO SEE YOU
TOO,
JULIAN.

PLEASE
NO TOUCHING
...GERMS,
YOU KNOW...

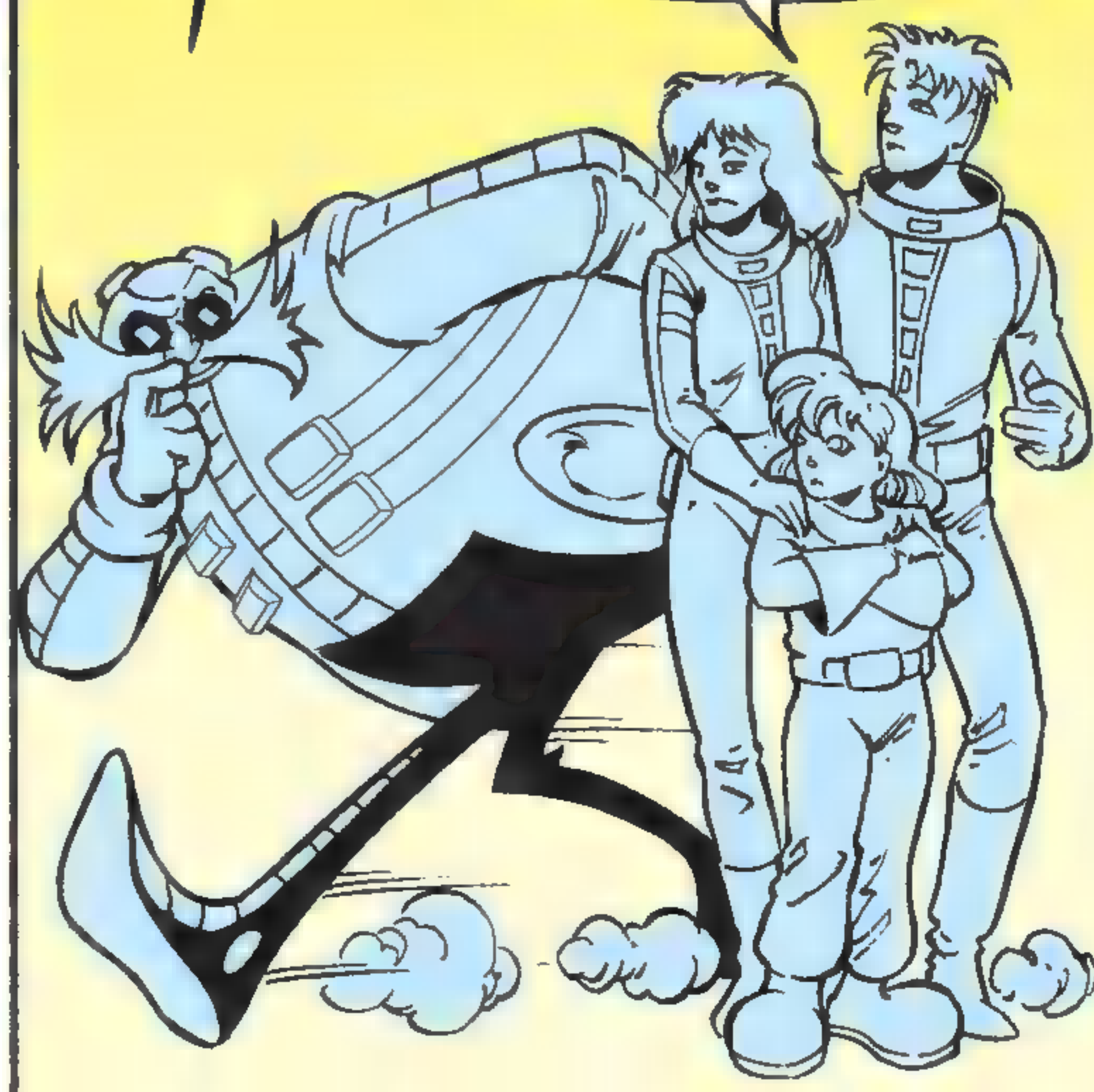


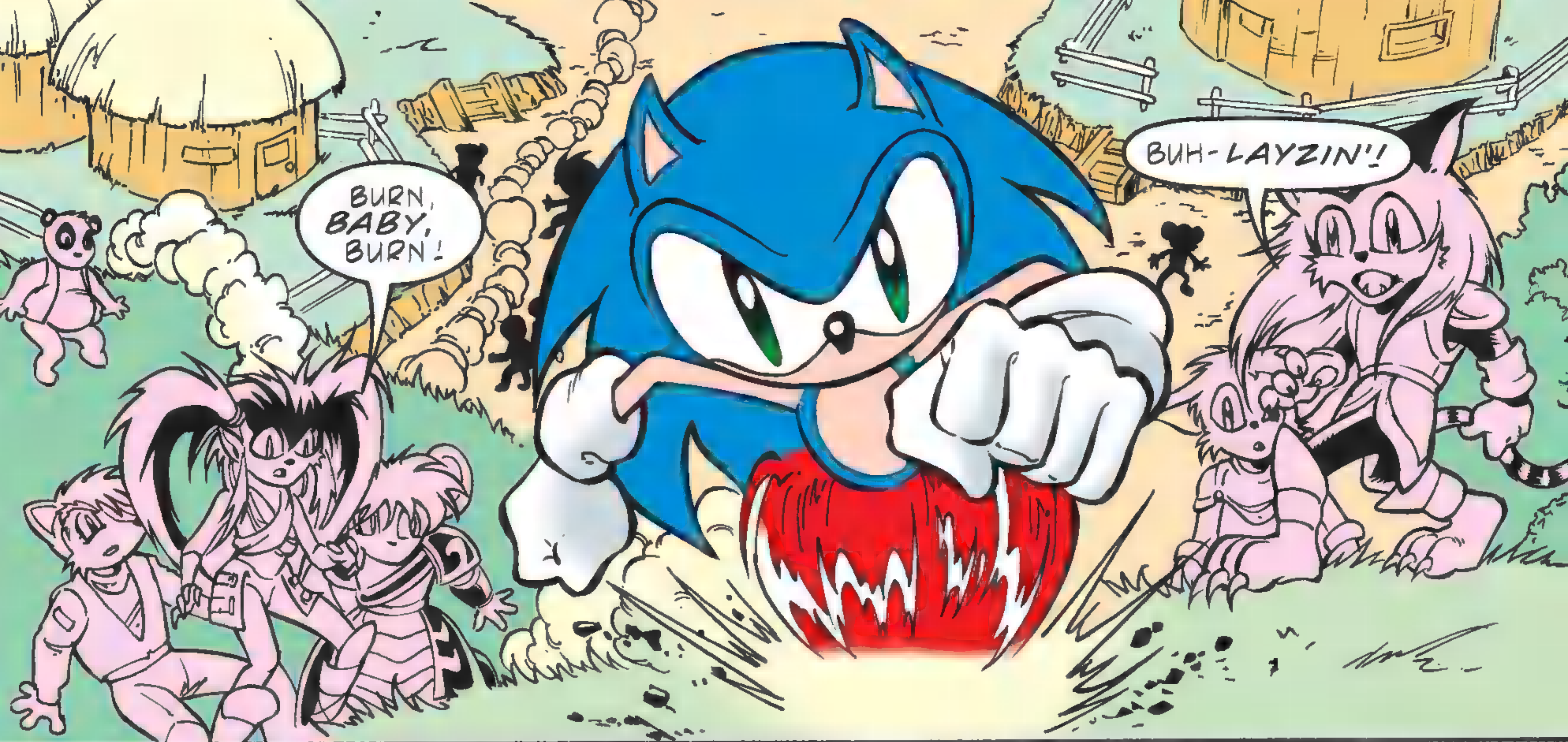
GERMS?!
SINCE WHEN
ARE YOU
BOTHERED
BY GERMS?

THINGS
CHANGE. AND
WHO ARE
THESE
EXQUISITE
CREATURES,
SEE-KAY?

I
REMARRIED
AFTER SNIVELY'S
MOTHER PASSED
AWAY BUT MY
SECOND WIFE
DIDN'T SURVIVE OUR
STAR TREK.

LADY AGNES
IS MY MOTHER-IN-LAW
AND **HOPE** IS MY
STEPDAUGHTER.







...SO I'M
DIVESTING
YOU OF YOUR
KNIGHTHOOD
AND, AS A
MINOR...

...YOU ARE
HEREBY
CONFINED TO
THE REALM OF
KNOTHOLE!

NEXT MONTH:
NEW ORDER!

KNUCKLES

THE ECHIDNA

BAGGING THE BIG ONE

ON A LAZY, SUMMER DAY, WE FIND HIS ROYAL MAJESTY *PRINCE CHARMY BEE* AND HIS FIANCEE, THE FAIR *SAFRON*, ENJOYING THE COMPANY OF EACH OTHER, UNTIL THEIR REVERIE IS UNEXPECTEDLY BROKEN BY A FLASH OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN...

-- AND AFTER WE'RE *MARRIED*, WHAT DO YOU SAY TO HAVING THREE BOYS AND THREE GIRLS --

-- HUH!!!

CHARMY!!
WHAT'S THAT?!!

BEATS ME, SAFRON, BUT WHATEVER IT IS --

WHAT HAS THIS GOT TO DO WITH KNUCKLES? PATIENCE, DEAR READER, AND *KEN PENDERS* (WRITER, ARTIST, LETTERER, COLORIST, CHIEF COOK AND BOTTLE WASHER) ALONG WITH EDITOR *JUSTIN GABRIE* WILL SOON MAKE ALL CLEAR! JUST KEEP GOING...

-- IT'S LIKE
NOTHING I
EVER SAW
BEFORE!



WHOA!
THE **SHAPE** IS
FAMILIAR -- BUT
THE **COLOR** --



**IS THAT
YOU?**

YOU
SHOULD
TALK!

THAT'S RIGHT! YOU
WEREN'T AROUND WHEN
EVERYONE DISCOVERED
MY **SECRET!**

LOOKS LIKE
YOU **SHOT** UP A
BIT SINCE I LAST
LAID EYES ON
YOU!

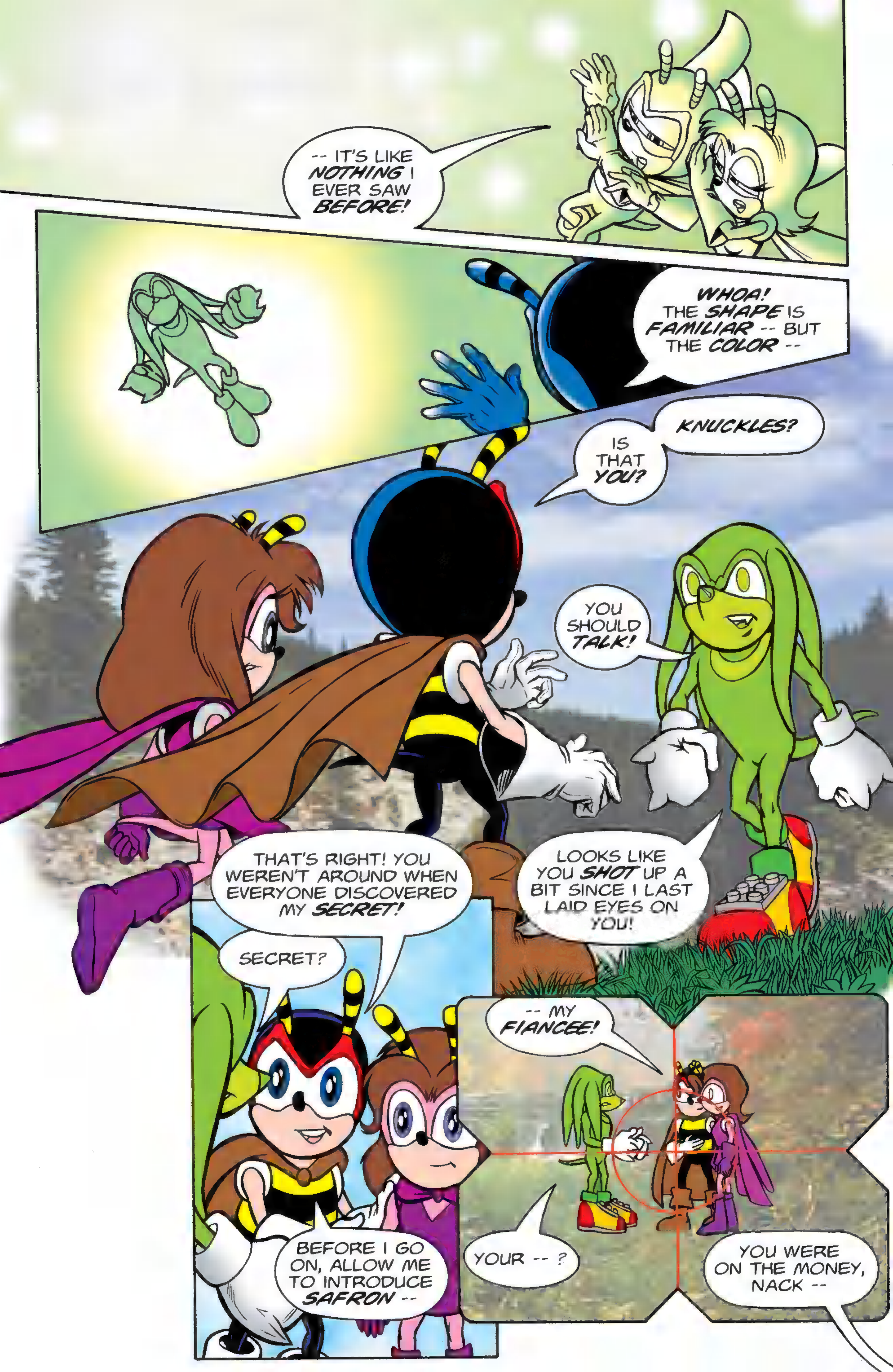
SECRET?

-- MY
FIANCEE!

BEFORE I GO
ON, ALLOW ME
TO INTRODUCE
SAFRON --

YOUR -- ?

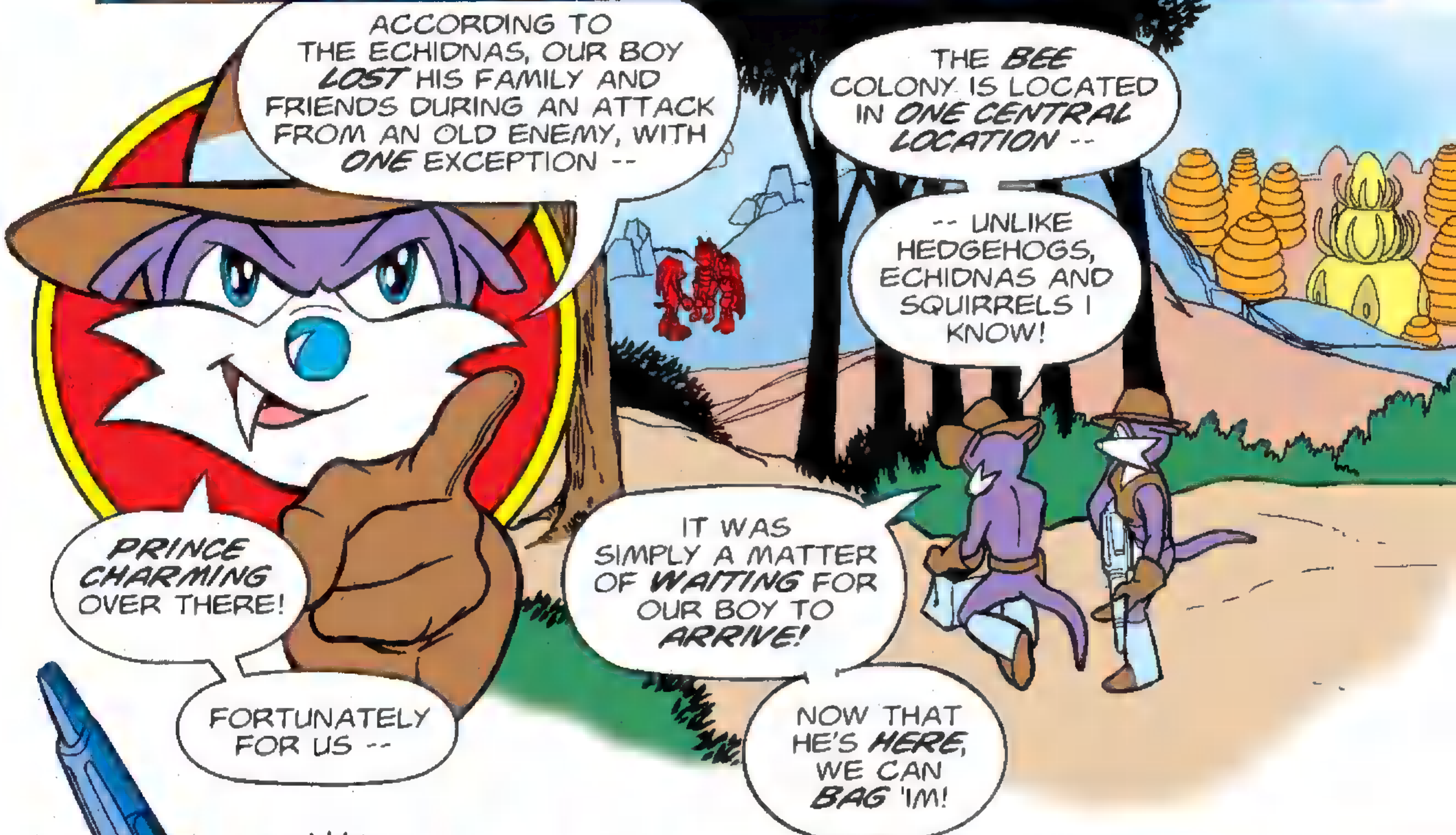
YOU WERE
ON THE MONEY,
NACK --





IT'S WHAT **ANYONE** WOULD USUALLY DO IF THEY WERE IN A PICKLE, NIC!

-- FIGURING **KNUCKLES** WOULD SEEK OUT HIS **FRIENDS**!



ACCORDING TO THE ECHIDNAS, OUR BOY **LOST** HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS DURING AN ATTACK FROM AN OLD ENEMY, WITH **ONE** EXCEPTION --

THE **BEE** COLONY IS LOCATED IN **ONE CENTRAL LOCATION** --

-- UNLIKE HEDGEHOGS, ECHIDNAS AND SQUIRRELS I KNOW!

IT WAS SIMPLY A MATTER OF **WAITING** FOR OUR BOY TO **ARRIVE**!

NOW THAT HE'S **HERE**, WE CAN **BAG** 'IM!

PRINCE CHARMING OVER THERE!

FORTUNATELY FOR US --



HEY!!!!

WHEN DID YOU SUFFER A **BRAIN-DRAIN**, SIS?

YOUR WEAPON STANDS ABOUT AS MUCH CHANCE **AGAINST** THE ECHIDNA AS I HAVE OF MAKING AN **HONEST** LIVING!

WHY DO IT THE **HARD** WAY --

-- WHEN PLAYING **DIRTY** IS MUCH EASIER!



SO WHAT
GIVES WITH YOUR
NEW LOOK?

AND WHAT
ABOUT THE
REST OF THE
CHAOTIX?

I'LL BET
VECTOR IS STILL
RAGGING ON
JULIE-SU!



I WISH
I HAD A
CLUE!

ONE MINUTE THE
GUYS AND I ARE BUSTING
HEADS WITH THE *DARK*
LEGION, AND THE NEXT --



-- I'M FLOATING
ON THE WATER
AND NO SIGN OF
ANYONE!

AS FOR
THE *GREEN*
GLOW --



-- I'M BETTING
MY *DAD* HAS THE
ANSWERS, BUT
HE'S --



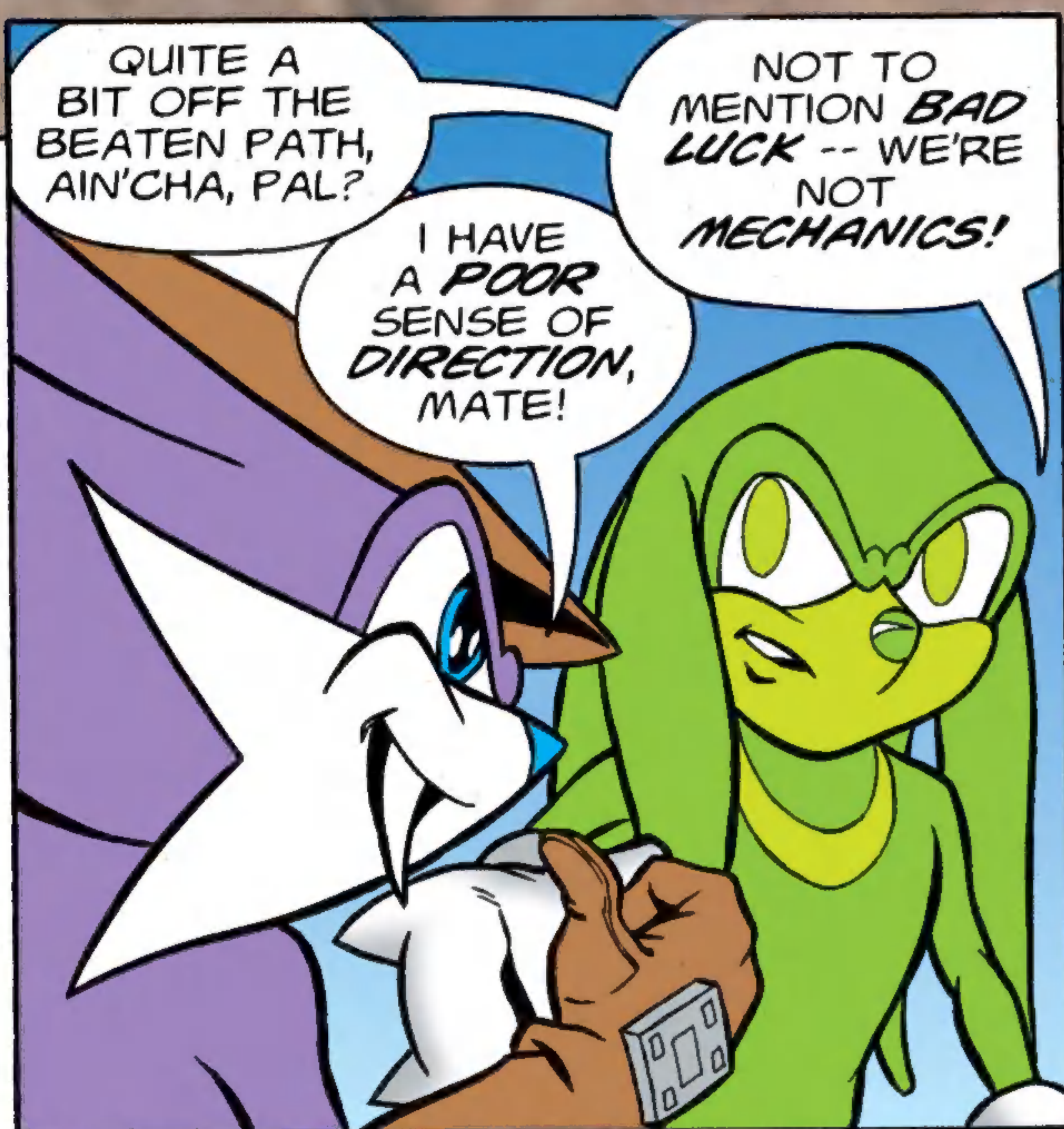
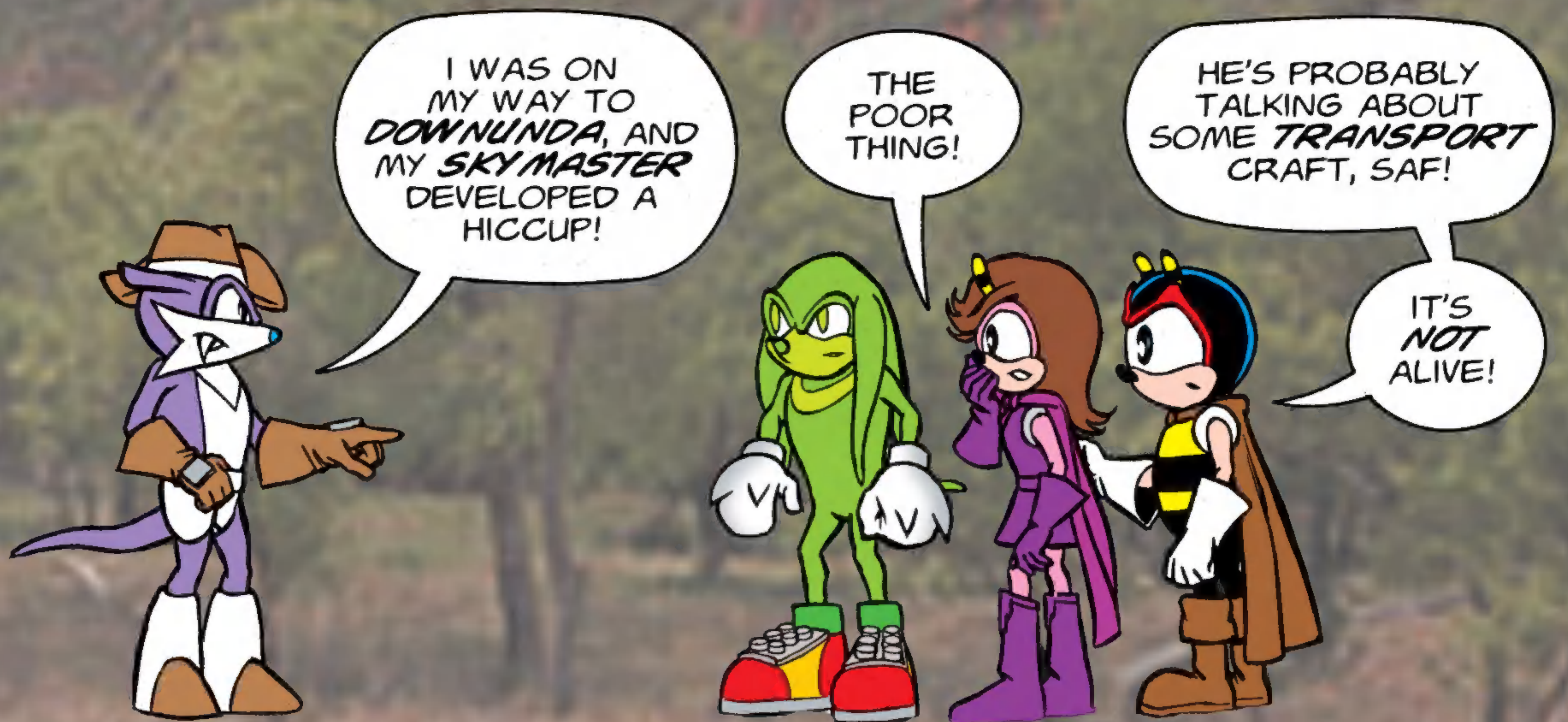
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THAT?

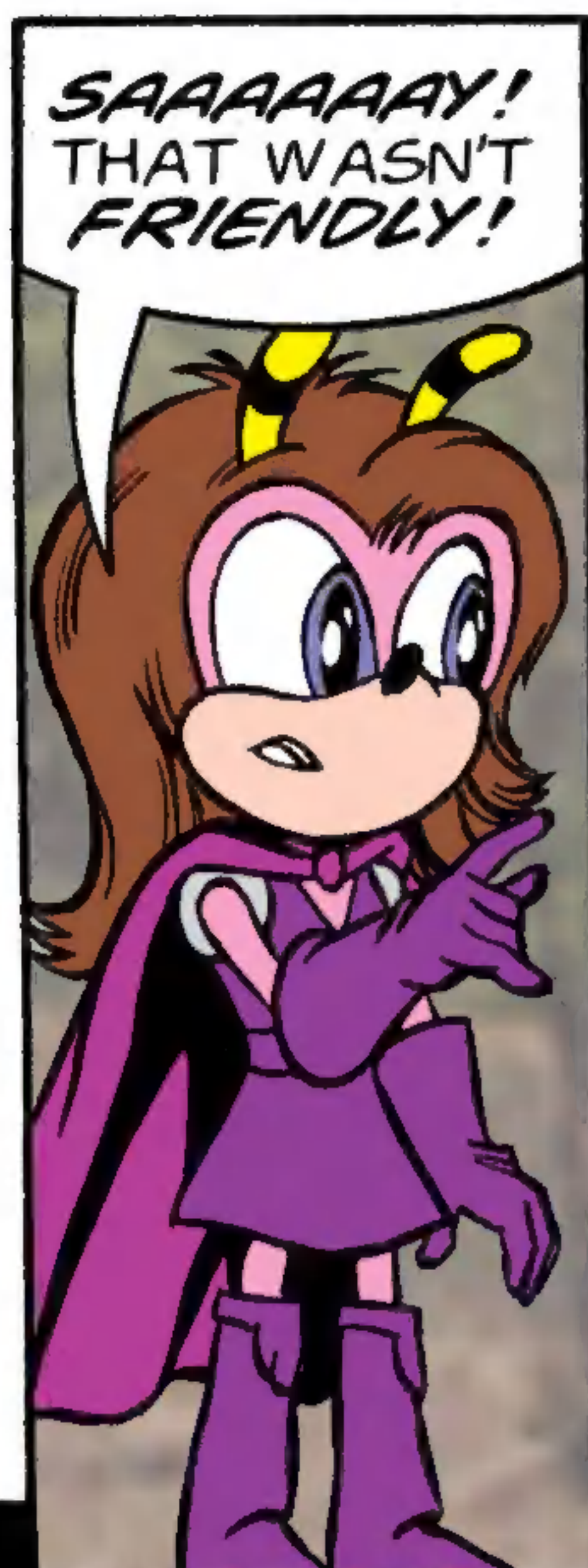
I
HEARD IT,
TOO!



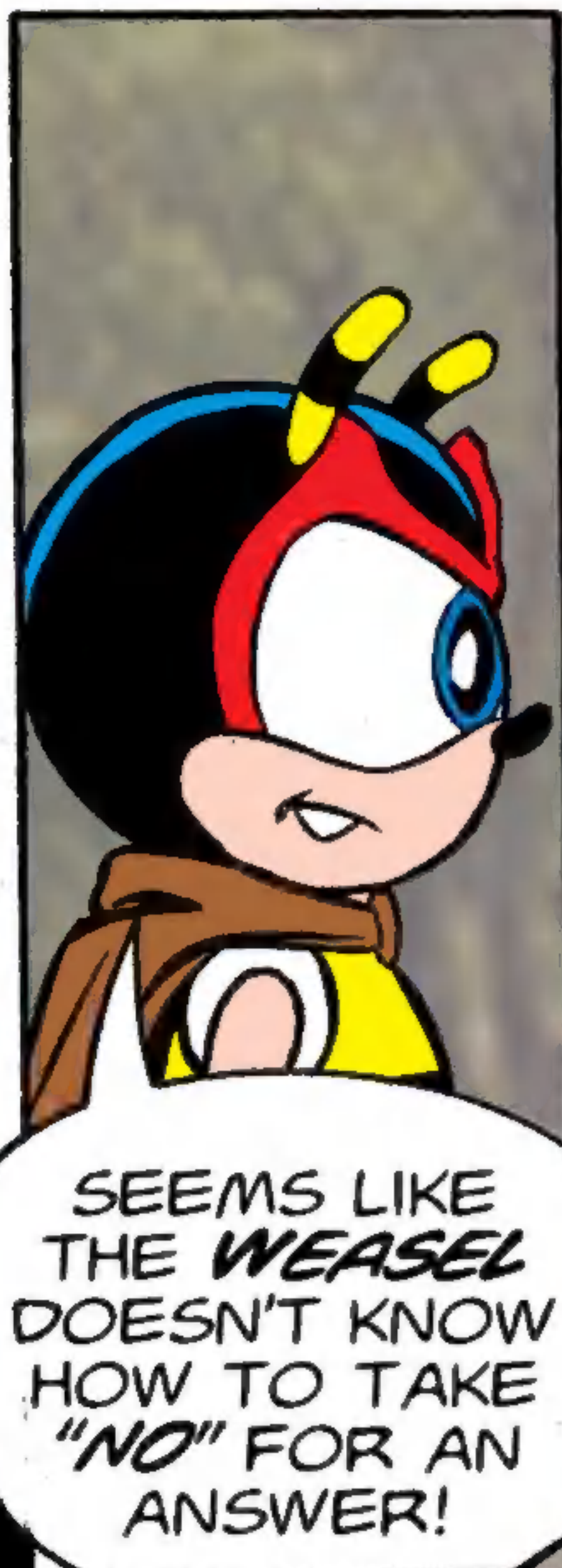
G'DAY,
MATES!

YOU WOULDN'T BE
OBJECTIN' TO HELPIN' A
STRANGER OUT, NOW
WOULD YA?





SAAAAAAY!
THAT WASN'T
FRIENDLY!



SEEMS LIKE
THE **WEASEL**
DOESN'T KNOW
HOW TO TAKE
"NO" FOR AN
ANSWER!



TOUGH!



LISTEN
TO YOUR
FRIEND,
MATE --

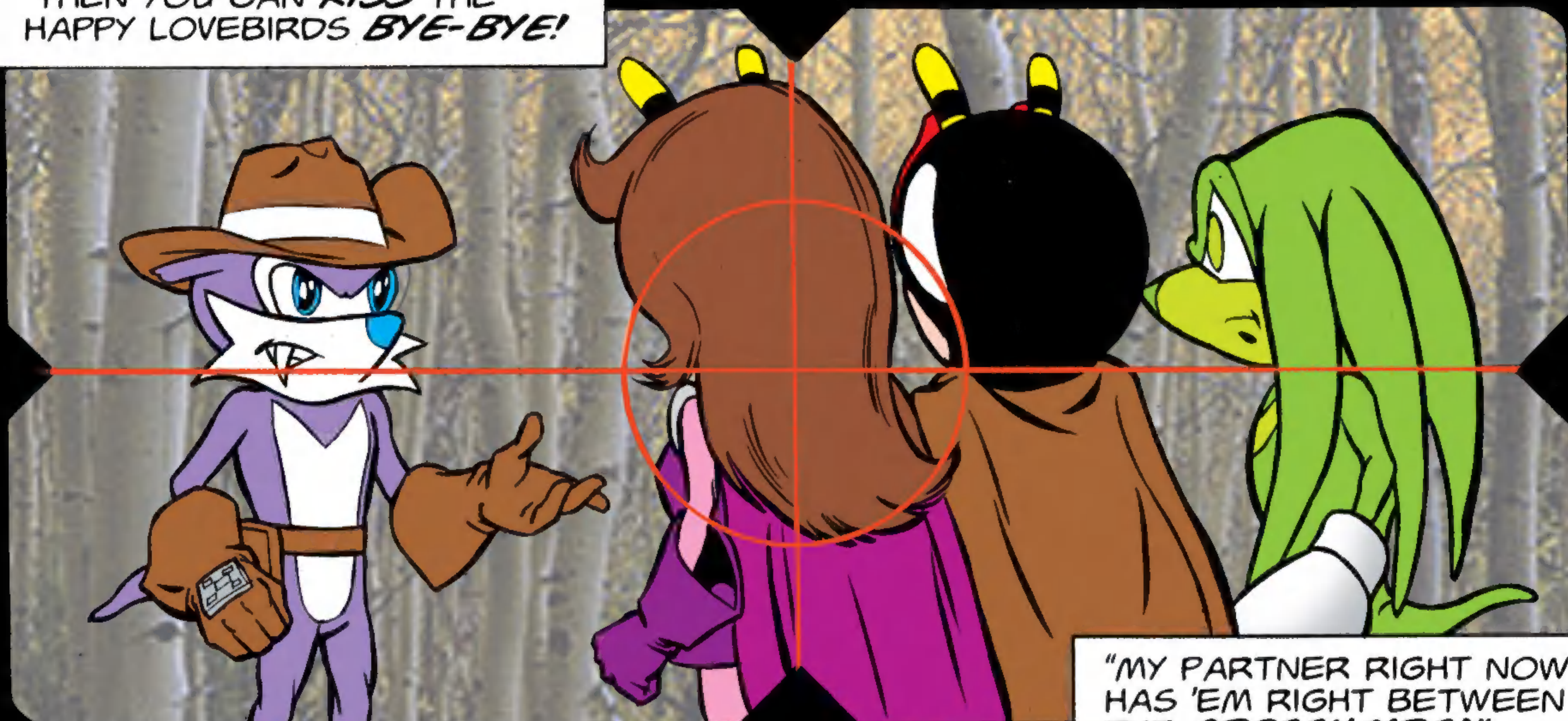
SUPPOSE
I DON'T WANT
TO?



THIS AIN'T **BEAN**
BAG WE'RE PLAYIN'!

YOU'LL
COME WITH
ME WHETHER
YOU **WANT** TO
OR **NOT**!

"THEN YOU CAN **KISS** THE
HAPPY LOVEBIRDS **BYE-BYE**!"



"MY PARTNER RIGHT NOW
HAS 'EM RIGHT BETWEEN
THE **CROSSHAIRS**!"



DON'T DO IT
ON ACCOUNT
OF US, KNUX!

TAKE A
HIKE AND
DO WHAT
YOU HAVE
TO!



KEEP IN
MIND WEASELS
NEVER BLUFF,
ECHIDNA!

SO
WHAT'S IT
GOING TO
BE?



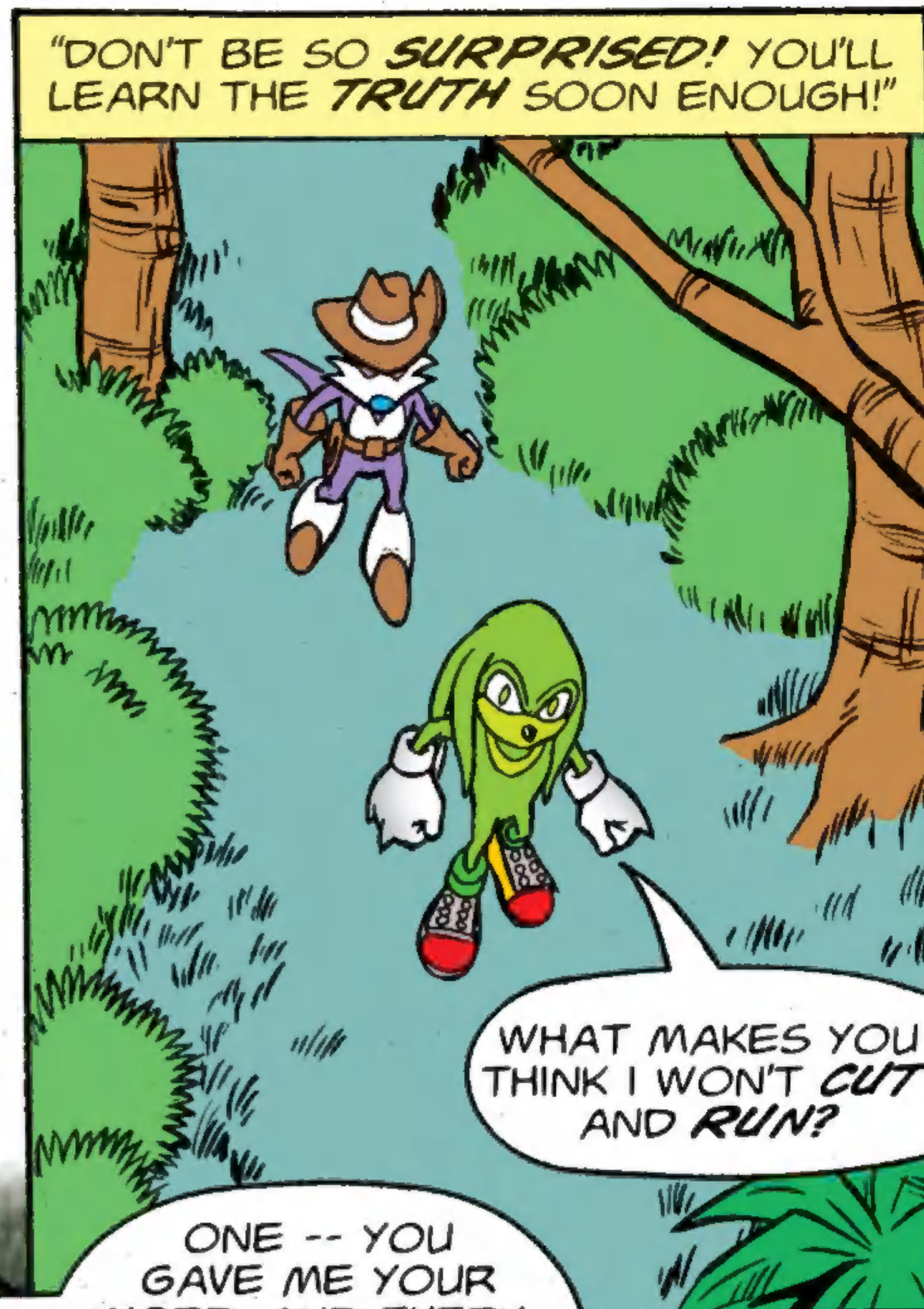
NACK
DID
IT!

WHO'D
HAVE
GUESSED
IT'D BE THIS
EASY?



NOT QUITE!
THE *HARD*
PART IS *YET*
TO COME!

WHA -- ?!!



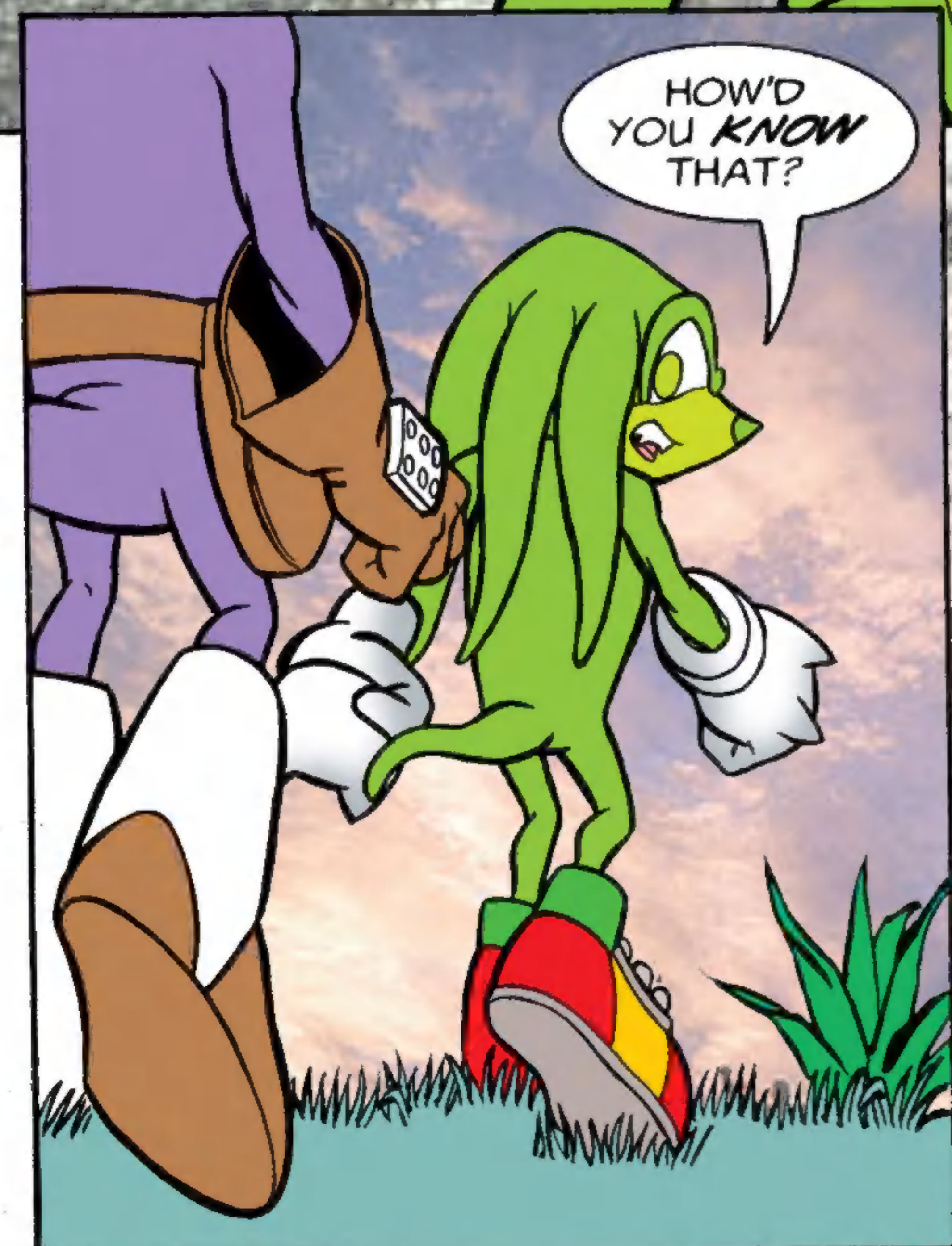
"DON'T BE SO *SURPRISED!* YOU'LL
LEARN THE *TRUTH* SOON ENOUGH!"

WHAT MAKES YOU
THINK I WON'T *CUT*
AND *RUN?*

ONE -- YOU
GAVE ME YOUR
WORD, AND EVERY-
ONE *KNOWS* A
GUARDIAN'S WORD
IS HIS BOND!

AND TWO --
I GOT TWO INNOCENTS
WHO SAY YOU WON'T IN
CASE YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND WHAT
"IS" IS!

"GUARDIAN?"



HOW'D
YOU *KNOW*
THAT?

BECAUSE
WE TOLD
HIM!

YOU?

HEY!
HANDS OFF THE
MERCHANDISE UNTIL
YOU FORK OVER THE
DOUGH-RE-MI!

-- YANAR?

AND GALA-NA?!!

DON'T MAKE THIS ANY MORE **DIFFICULT** THAN IT ALREADY IS, KNUCKLES!

YOU WIELD **POWER** FAR BEYOND YOUR COMPREHENSION, MAKING YOU A **DANGER** TO EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING!

SINCE YOU ARE ONE OF US, IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT DOESN'T COME TO PASS, THEREFORE --

-- YOU WILL BE SUBJECTED TO THE **CHAOS SYPHON**, AND MAY **AURORA** HERSELF HAVE MERCY ON YOUR SOUL!

TAKE YOUR PAYMENT, WEASEL!

JUST MAKE SURE YOU AND YOUR SISTER **FORGET** THIS MATTER EVER OCCURRED!

